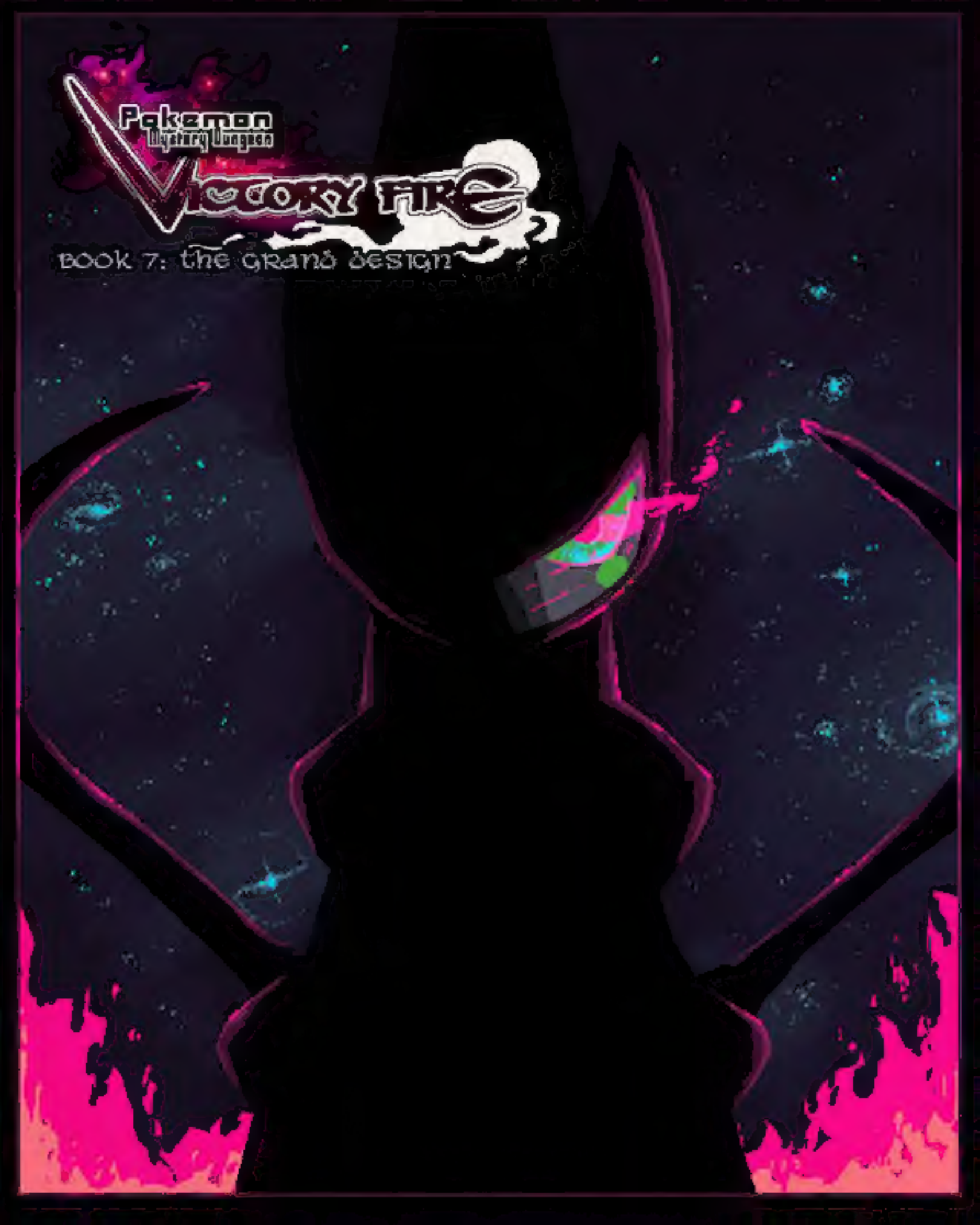
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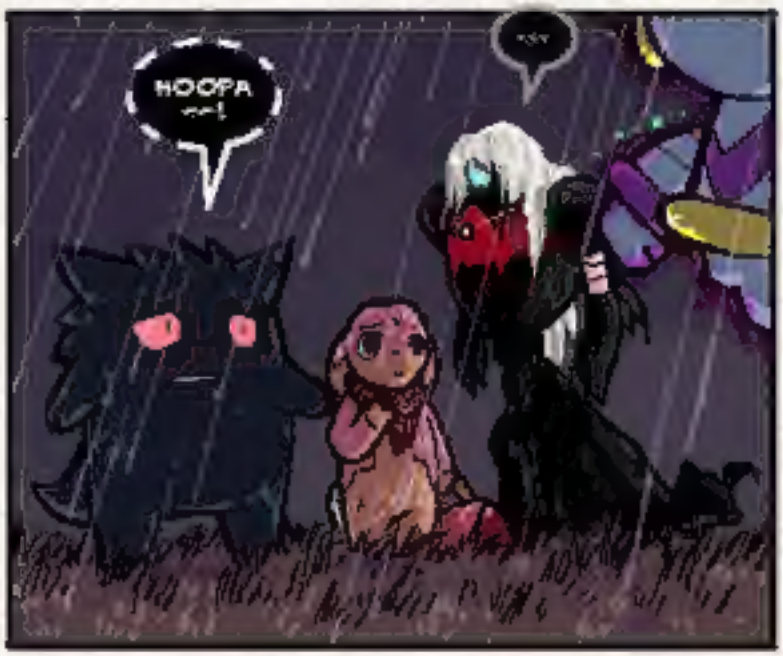
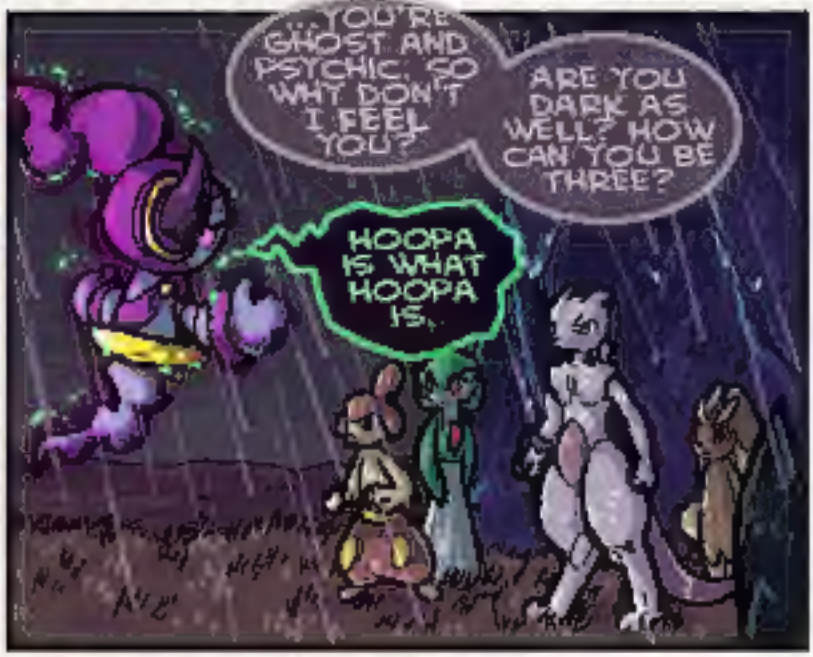

HOOPA ~~!


...YOU'RE GHOST AND PSYCHIC, SO WHY DON'T I FEEL YOU?
ARE YOU DARK AS WELL? HOW CAN YOU BE THREE?
HOOPA IS WHAT HOOPA IS.

AND WHY IS HOOPA HERE?
...
THIS ENCOUNTER ISN'T A COINCIDENCE, IS IT?
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET INTO DESTINY TOWER?

OF COURSE! HOOPA CAN OPEN ANY DOOR...
...FOR A PRICE.

OKAY, TIME OUT!
EXCUSE US, SIR OR MADAM, OUR GROUP NEEDS A MOMENT.

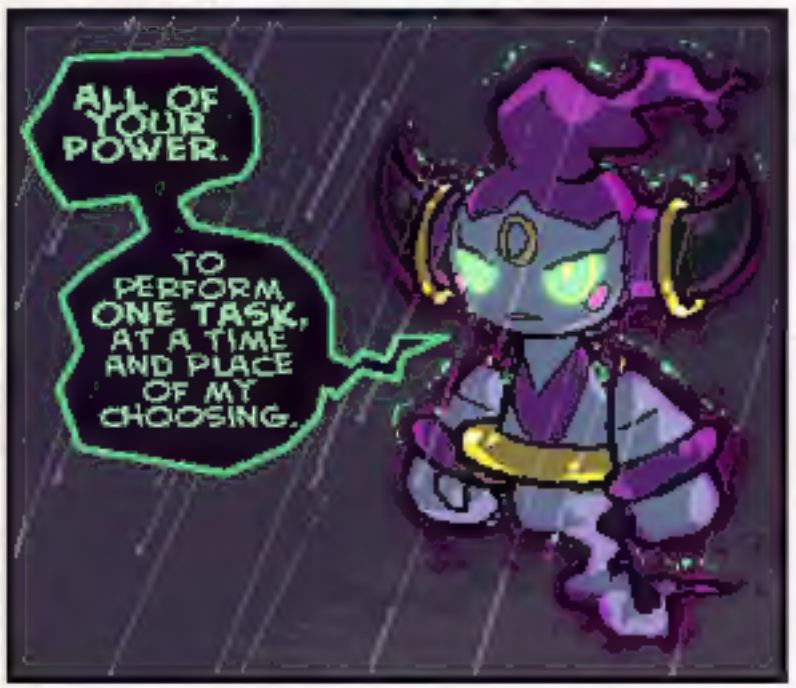
I DON'T KNOW THE HISTORY HERE, BOSS KITTY, BUT THIS--PERSON-- IS CLEARLY SUPER SHADY.

... HOOPA HAS HELPED US BEFORE. IT BROUGHT US LOVRINA, AND...
IT SAVED ME FROM VICTINI WHEN I LOST TO HER THE SECOND TIME.
HUH. YOU KEPT THAT PART QUIET.
YES, WELL.

IF WE STRIKE A DEAL WITH HOOPA, WE CANNOT GO BACK ON IT.

...WE HAVE LESS THAN A MONTH TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE, AND GETTING THIS ARTIFACT IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP.
I THINK WE NEED TO HEAR IT OUT.
LOPUNNY?
UGGH... FINE.
ASK IT WHAT IT WANTS.

WHAT IS YOUR PRICE?

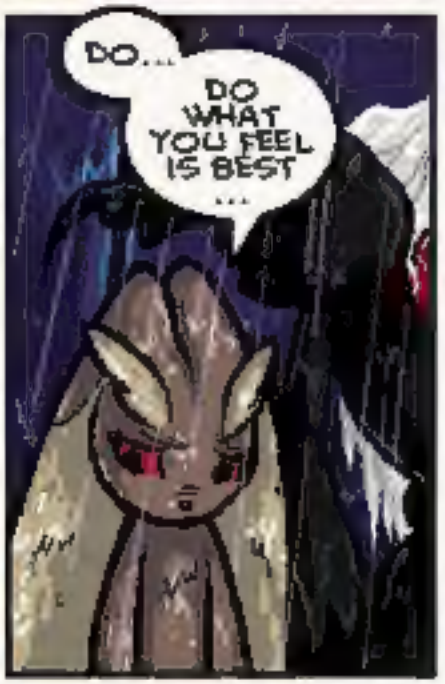

ALL OF YOUR POWER.
TO PERFORM ONE TASK, AT A TIME AND PLACE OF MY CHOOSING.

ABSOLUTELY NOT!
THEN YOU WILL NEVER ENTER DESTINY TOWER.

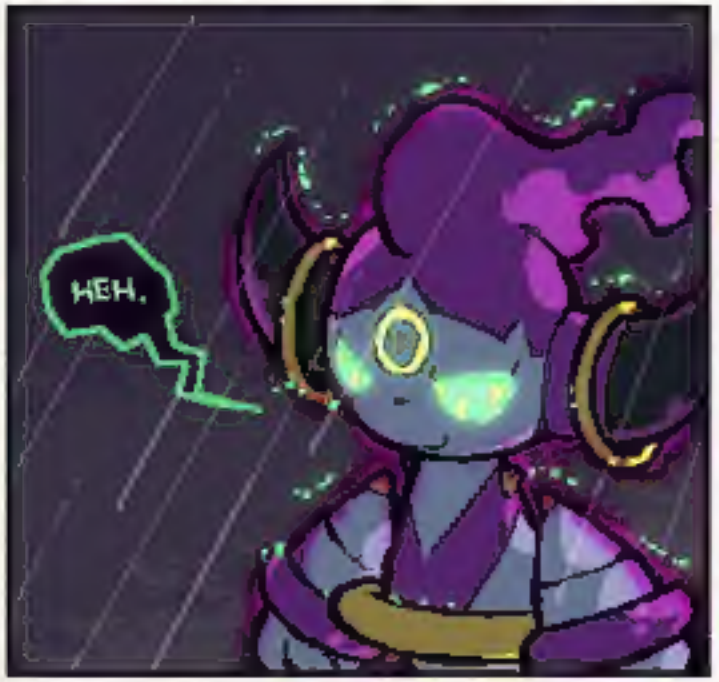
WHAT KIND OF TASK?
OH, NOTHING TOO TAXING.
AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
NOT LONG, NOT LONG. MINUTES AT MOST.

NOT SURE? HOOPA DOESN'T MIND WAITING. HOOPA ISN'T IN A RUSH.

BE CAREFUL.

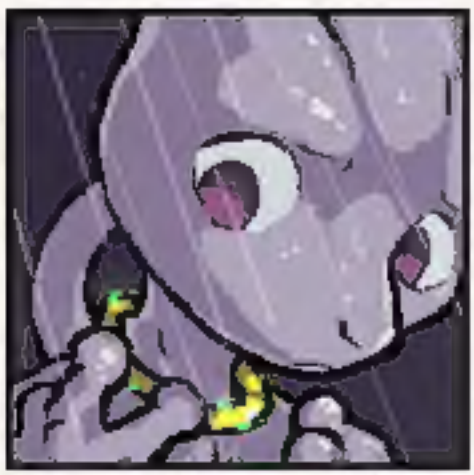

DO...
DO WHAT YOU FEEL IS BEST
...

...
I ACCEPT.


HEH.

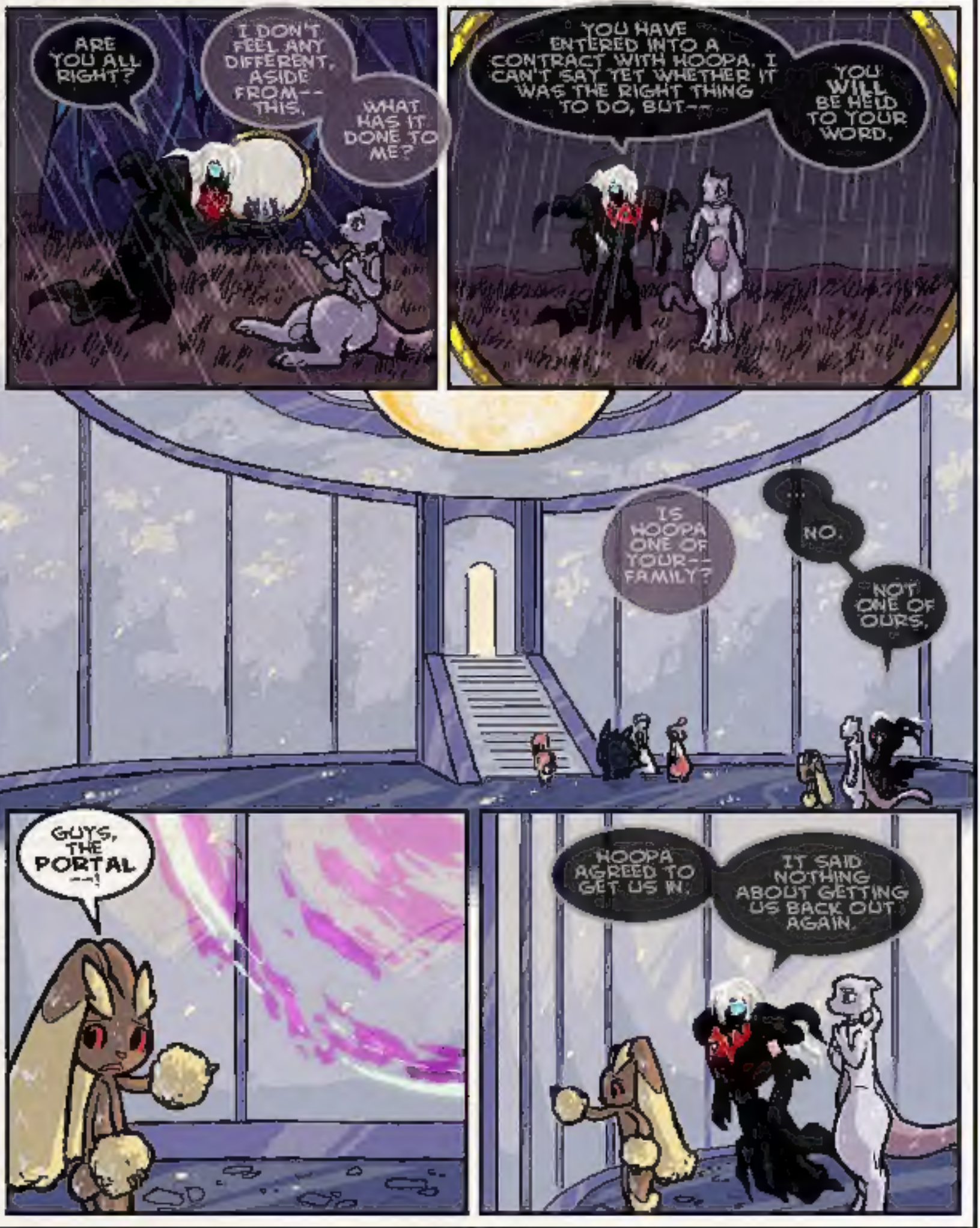
GHAA-!

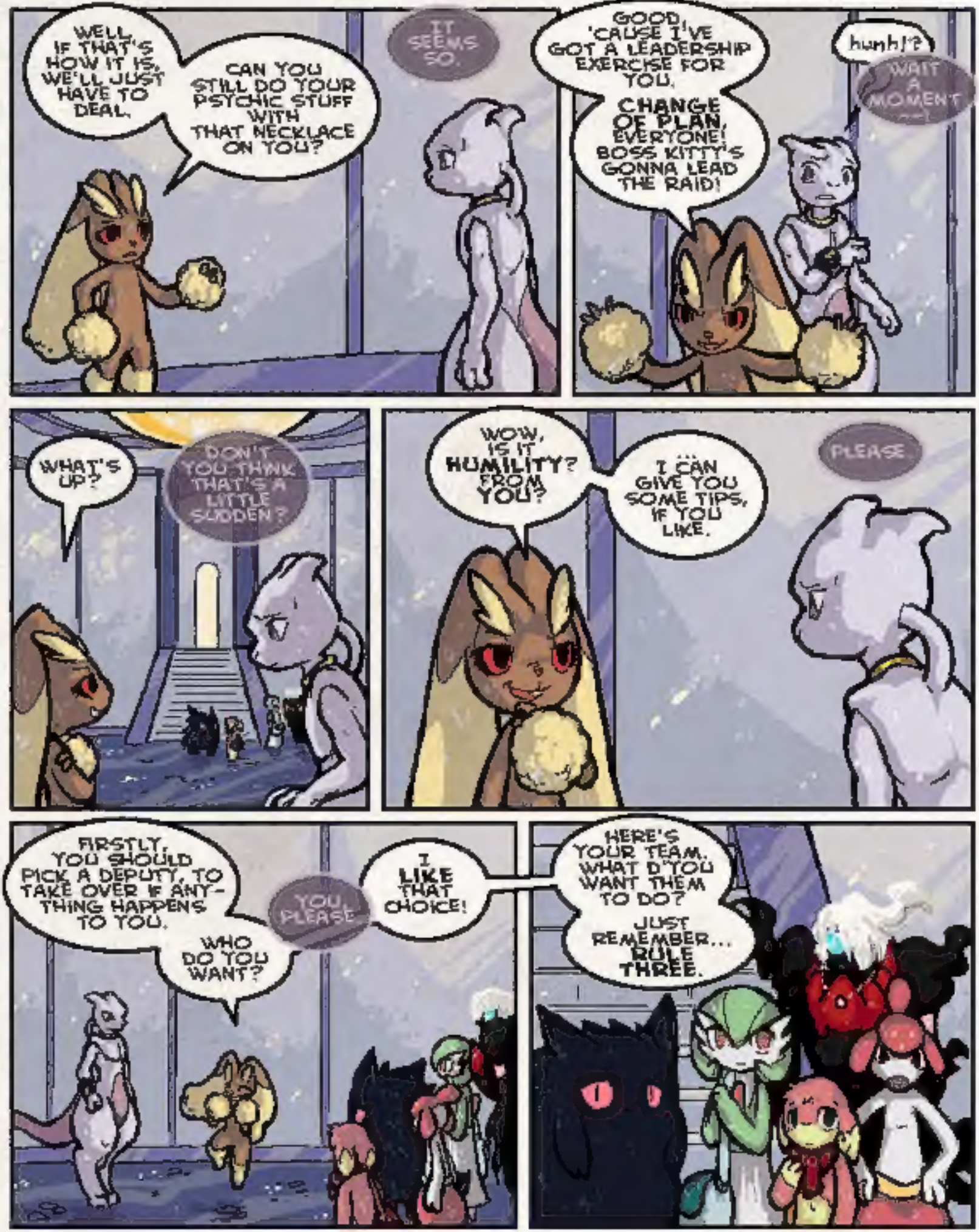
DON'T! HE'S NOT HURT, BUT WE CAN'T INTERFERE. THERE ARE RULES.
Huhh— hhh—

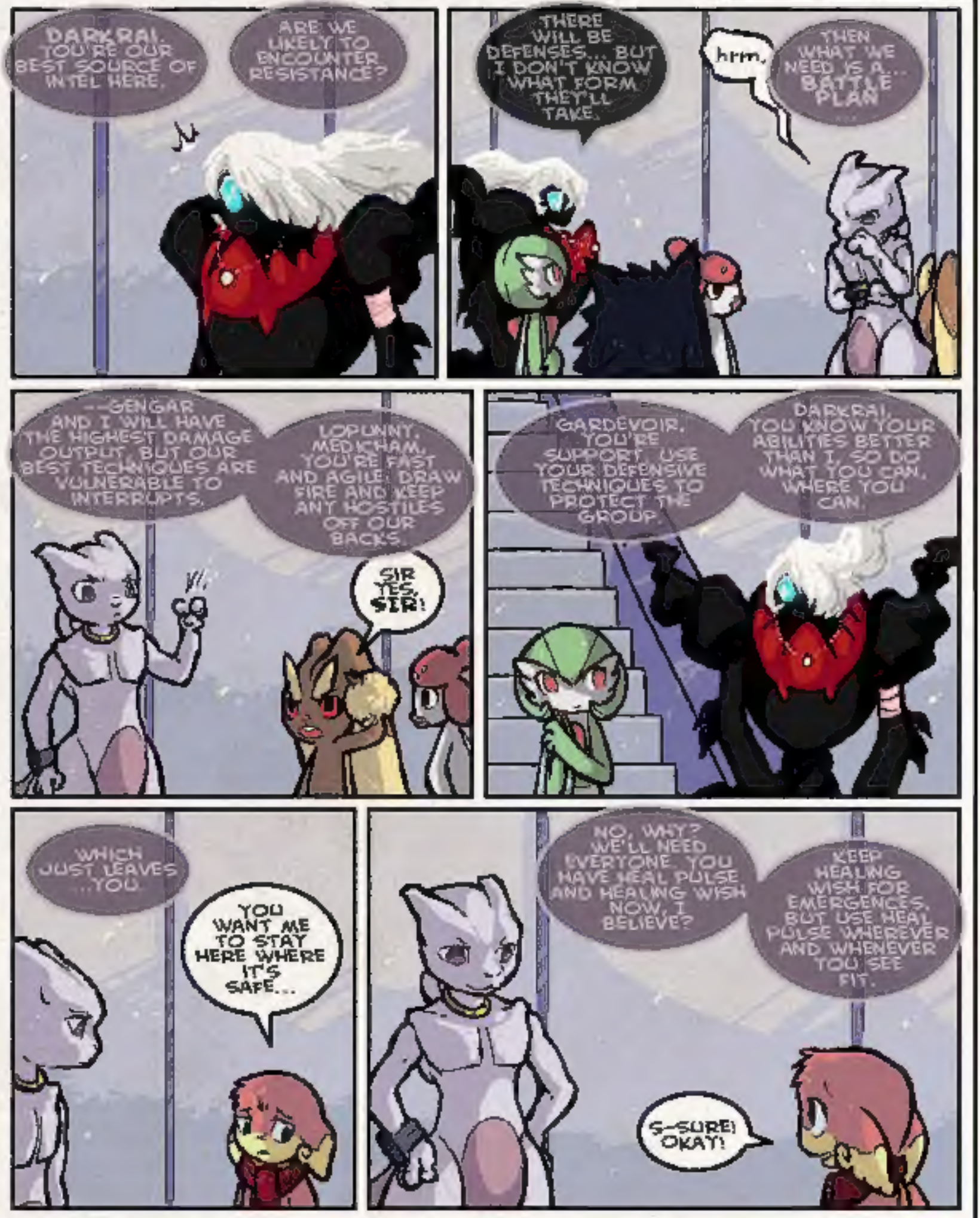


YOU BELONG TO HOOPA NOW.
YOU WON'T FORGET.

ENTER, ADVENTURERS. GOOD HUNTING.


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT, ASIDE FROM-- THIS.
WHAT HAS IT DONE TO ME?
YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOOPA. I CAN'T SAY YET WHETHER IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT--
YOU WILL BE HELD TO YOUR WORD.
IS HOOPA ONE OF YOUR-- FAMILY?
...
NO.
NOT ONE OF OURS.
GUYS, THE PORTAL --!
HOOPA AGREED TO GET US IN.
IT SAID NOTHING ABOUT GETTING US BACK OUT AGAIN.


WELL, IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DEAL.
CAN YOU STILL DO YOUR PSYCHIC STUFF WITH THAT NECKLACE ON YOU?
IT SEEMS SO.
GOOD, 'CAUSE I'VE GOT A LEADERSHIP EXERCISE FOR YOU.
CHANGE OF PLAN, EVERYONE! BOSS KITTY'S GONNA LEAD THE RAID!
hunh!?
WAIT A MOMENT
WHAT'S UP?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE SUDDEN?
WOW, IS IT HUMILITY? FROM YOU?
I CAN GIVE YOU SOME TIPS, IF YOU LIKE.
PLEASE
FIRSTLY, YOU SHOULD PICK A DEPUTY, TO TAKE OVER IF ANY-THING HAPPENS TO YOU.
WHO DO YOU WANT?
YOU PLEASE
I LIKE THAT CHOICE!
HERE'S YOUR TEAM. WHAT D'YOU WANT THEM TO DO?
JUST REMEMBER... RULE THREE.

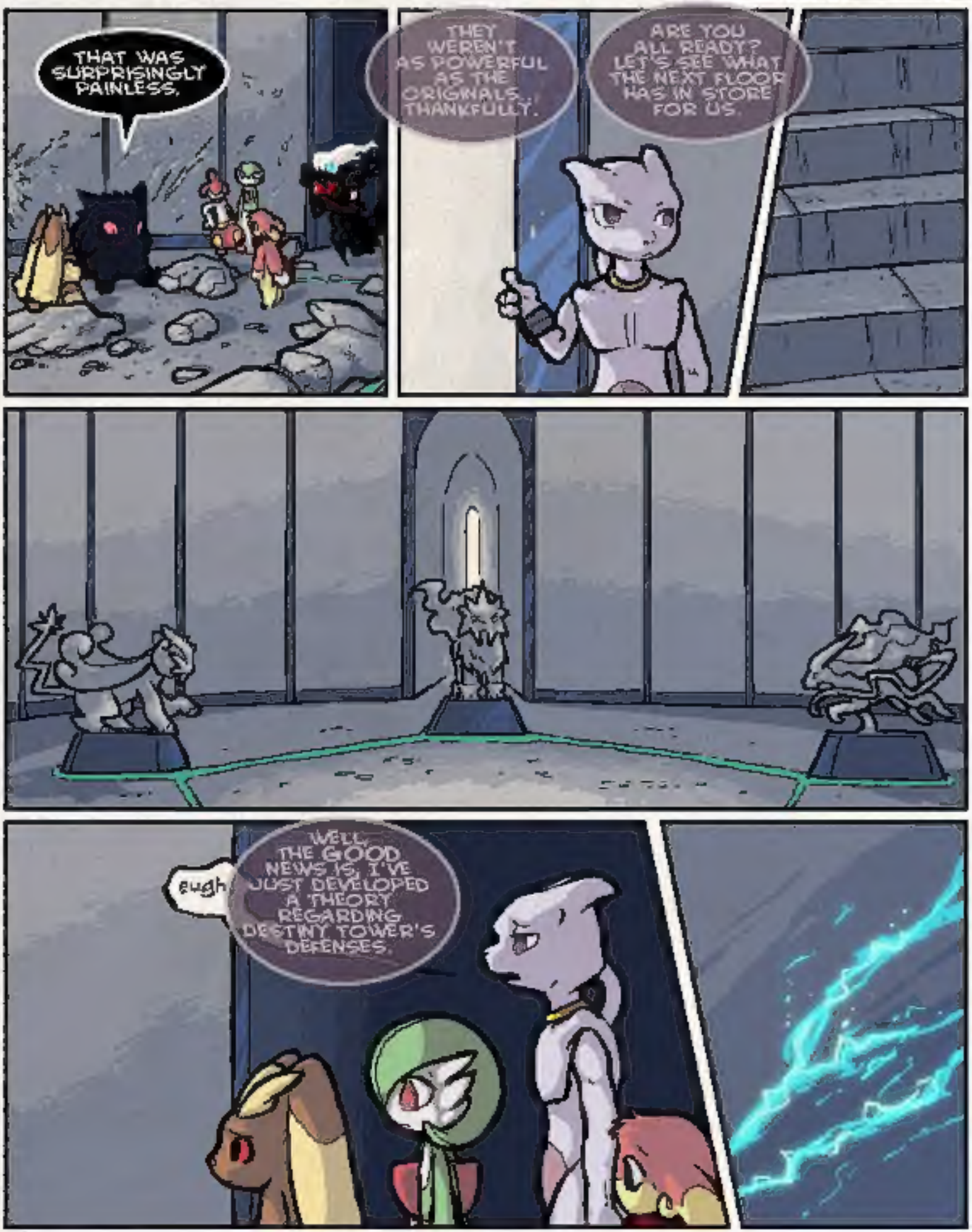

DARKRAI, YOU'RE OUR BEST SOURCE OF INTEL HERE.
ARE WE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER RESISTANCE?
THERE WILL BE DEFENSES... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT FORM THEY'LL TAKE.
hrm.
THEN WHAT WE NEED IS A... BATTLE PLAN...
--GENGAR AND I WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST DAMAGE OUTPUT, BUT OUR BEST TECHNIQUES ARE VULNERABLE TO INTERRUPTS.
LOPUNNY, MEDICHAM, YOU'RE FAST AND AGILE. DRAW FIRE AND KEEP ANY HOSTILES OFF OUR BACKS.
SIR YES, SIR!
GARDEVOIR, YOU'RE SUPPORT. USE YOUR DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUES TO PROTECT THE GROUP.
DARKRAI, YOU KNOW YOUR ABILITIES BETTER THAN I, SO DO WHAT YOU CAN, WHERE YOU CAN.
WHICH JUST LEAVES ...YOU.
YOU WANT ME TO STAY HERE WHERE IT'S SAFE...
NO, WHY? WE'LL NEED EVERYONE. YOU HAVE HEAL PULSE AND HEALING WISH NOW, I BELIEVE?
KEEP HEALING WISH FOR EMERGENCIES, BUT USE HEAL PULSE WHEREVER AND WHENEVER YOU SEE FIT.
S-SURE! OKAY!

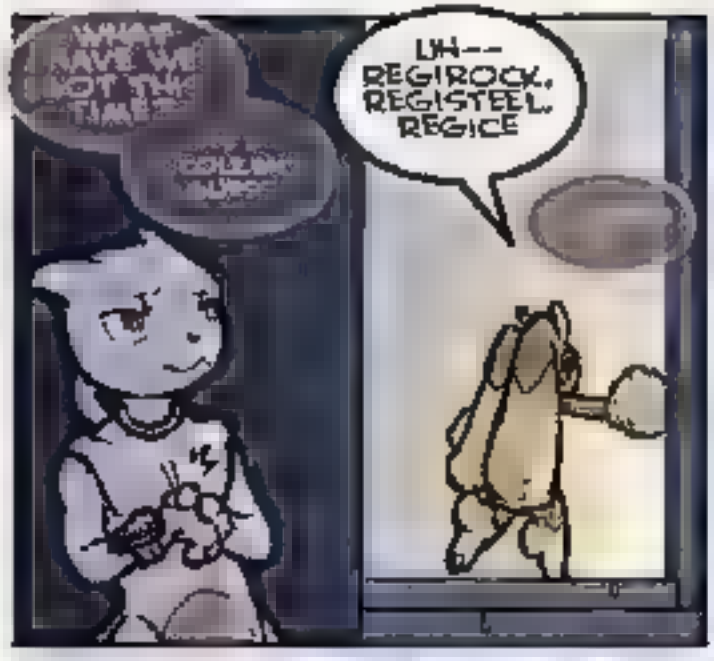
SO, WE HAVE A BIG EMPTY ROOM...
WITH THREE PLINTHS...
BEARING STATUES OF...

WELL, THIS ISN'T SUSPICIOUS AT ALL.
IT ISN'T?
SARCASM, LOPUNNY.
OHH. WITH YA.

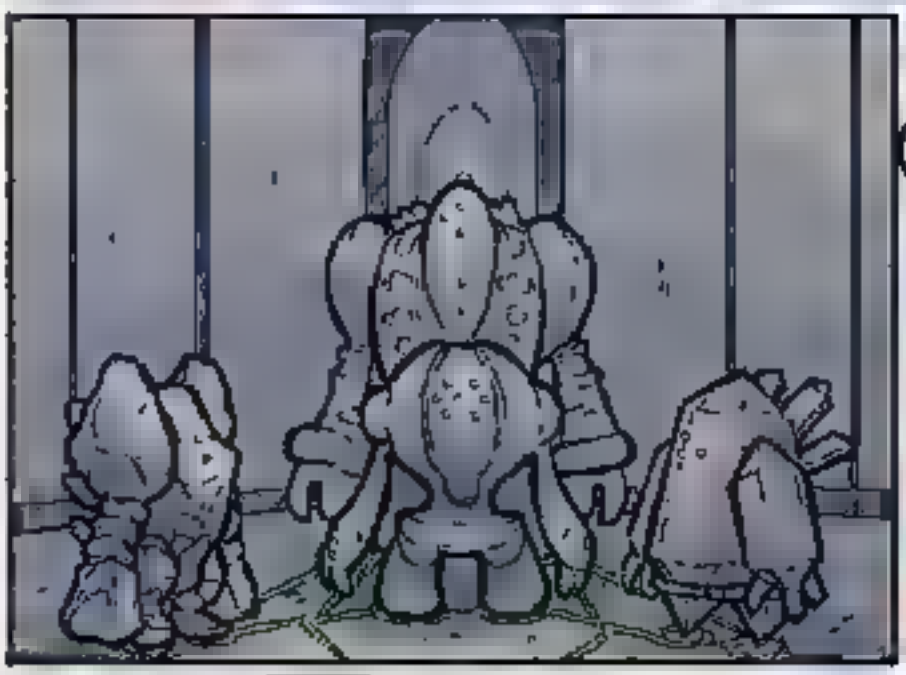
CALLED IT.

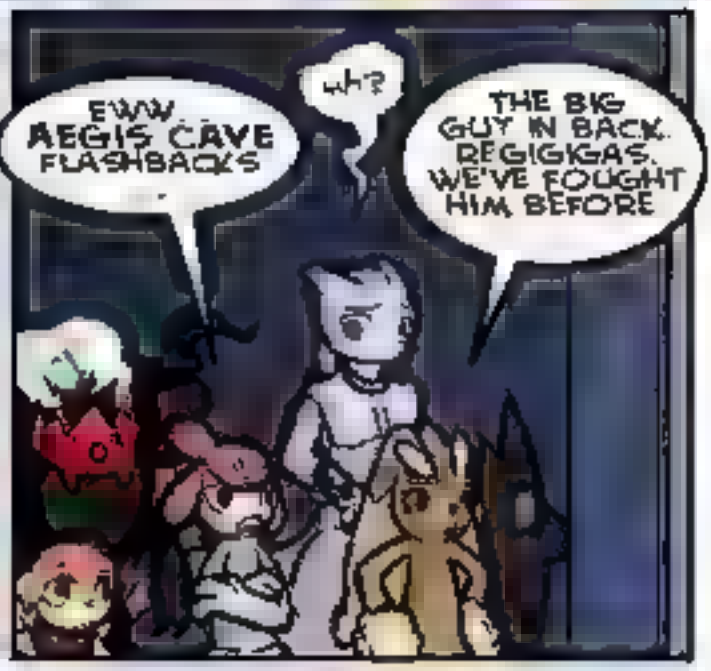
WELL, ALL RIGHT THEN.
TEAM...
KILL.

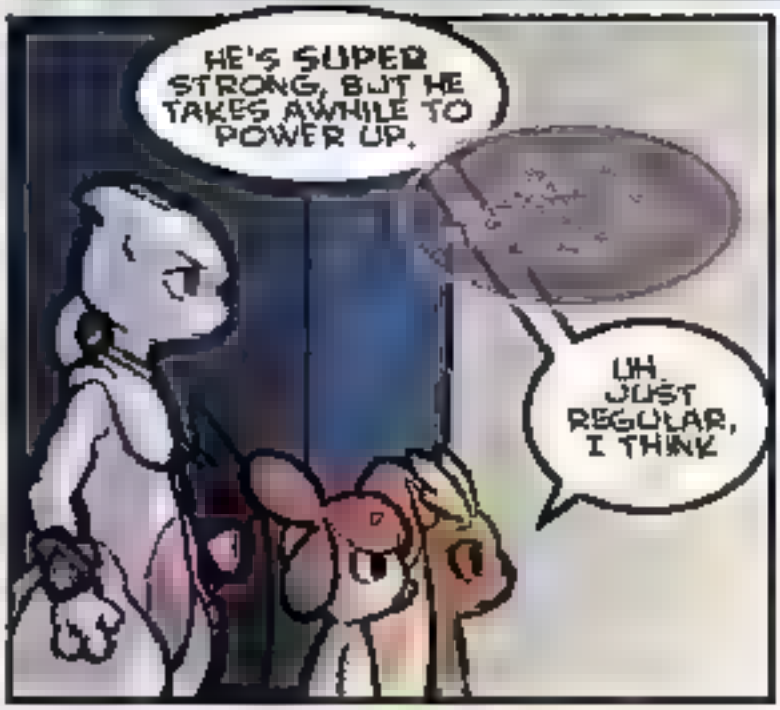

THAT WAS SURPRISINGLY PAINLESS.
THEY WEREN'T AS POWERFUL AS THE ORIGINALS... THANKFULLY.
ARE YOU ALL READY? LET'S SEE WHAT THE NEXT FLOOR HAS IN STORE FOR US.
eugh
WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS, I'VE JUST DEVELOPED A THEORY REGARDING DESTINY TOWER'S DEFENSES.


WHAT HAVE WE NOT TH TIME?
COLLECT ALL
UH-- REGIROCK, REGISTEEL, REGICE

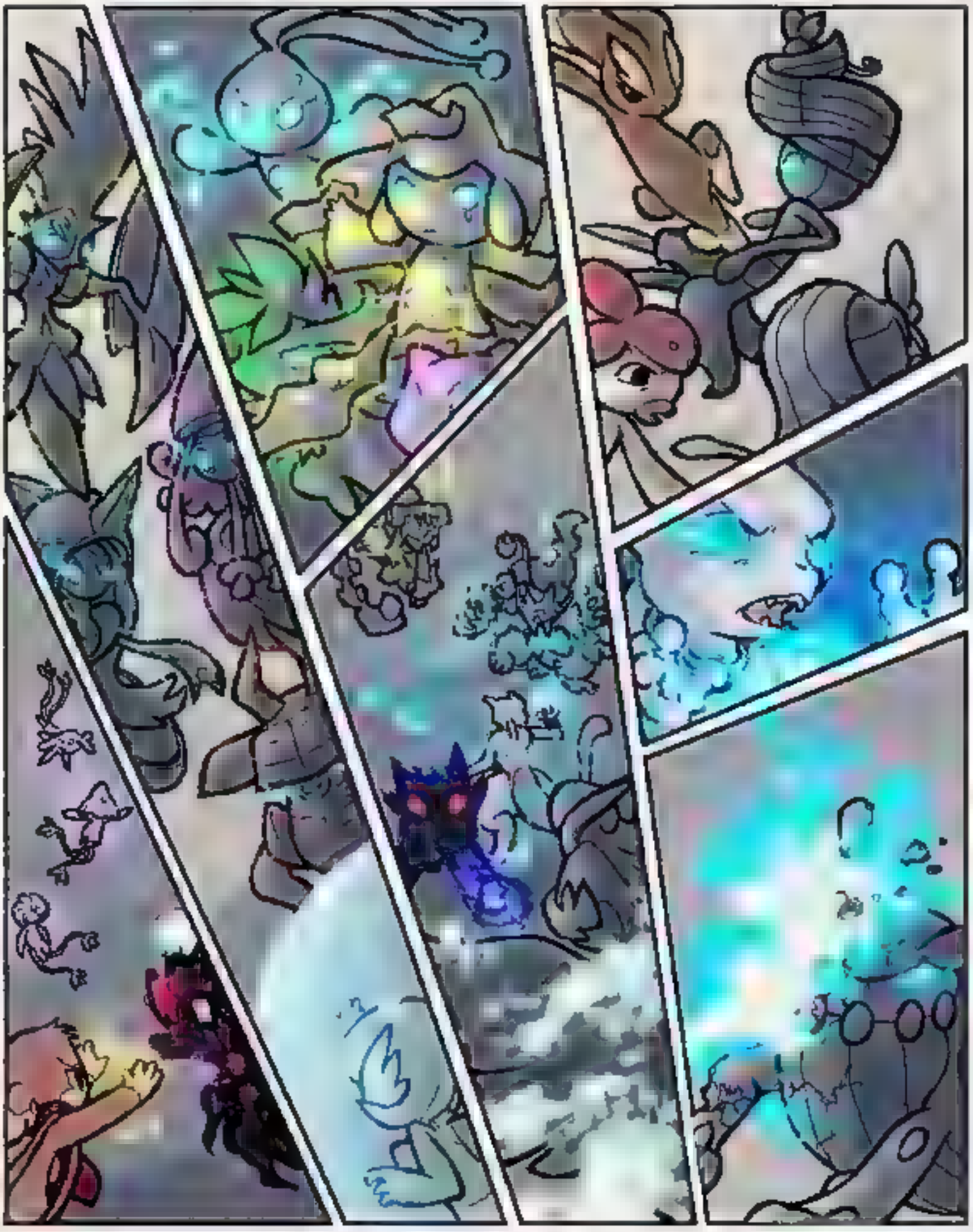
WHAT? NO, THERE NO AND AND WAS NO PART OF TH PLAN!
AND

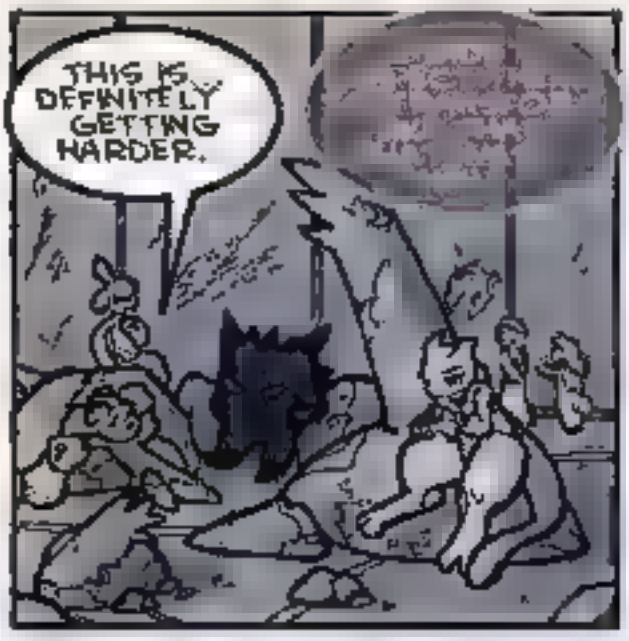



EWW AEGIS CAVE FLASHBACKS
WH?
THE BIG GUY IN BACK. REGIGIGAS. WE'VE FOUGHT HIM BEFORE

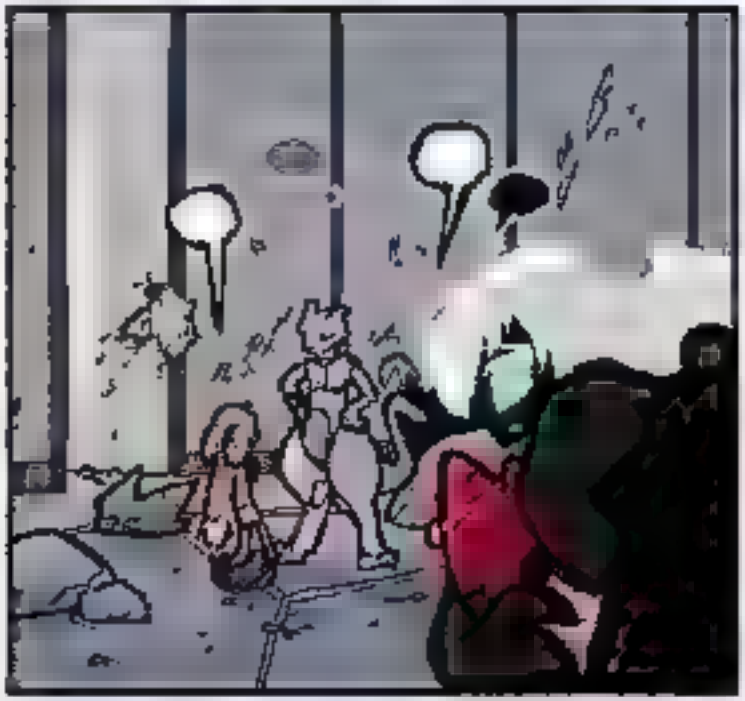

HE'S SUPER STRONG, BUT HE TAKES AWHILE TO POWER UP.
UH. JUST REGULAR, I THINK

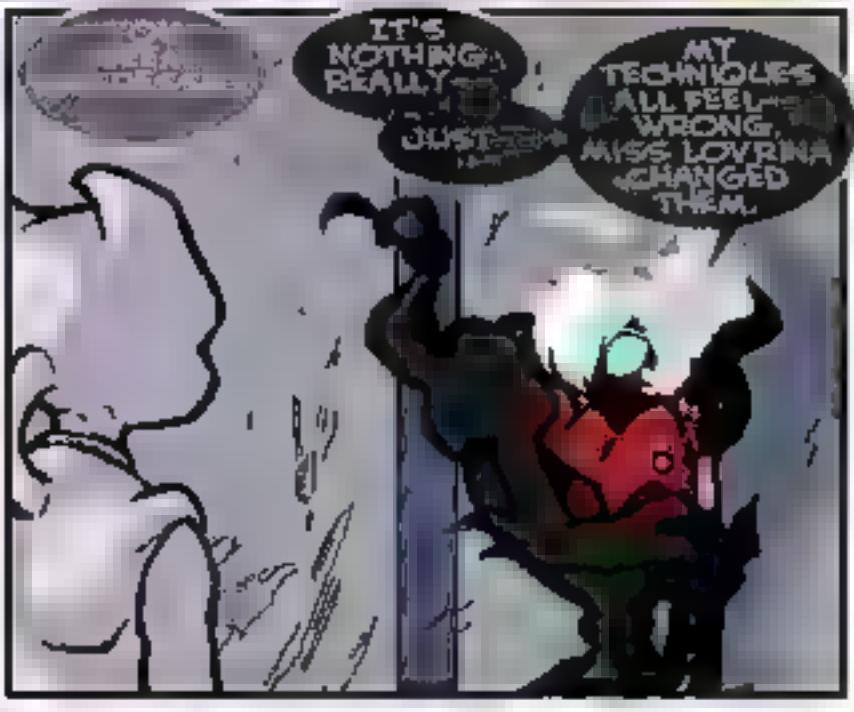
HOW THAT IS INTERESTING. ICE. ROCK. STEEL. NORMAL. ALL WAIT TO
FIGHTING

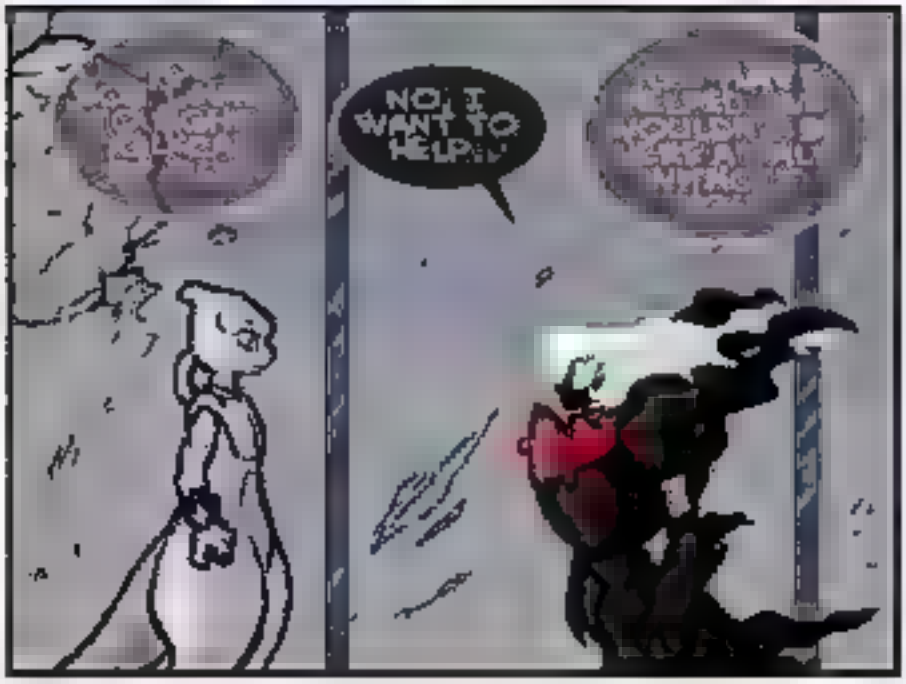



THIS IS DEFINITELY GETTING HARDER.

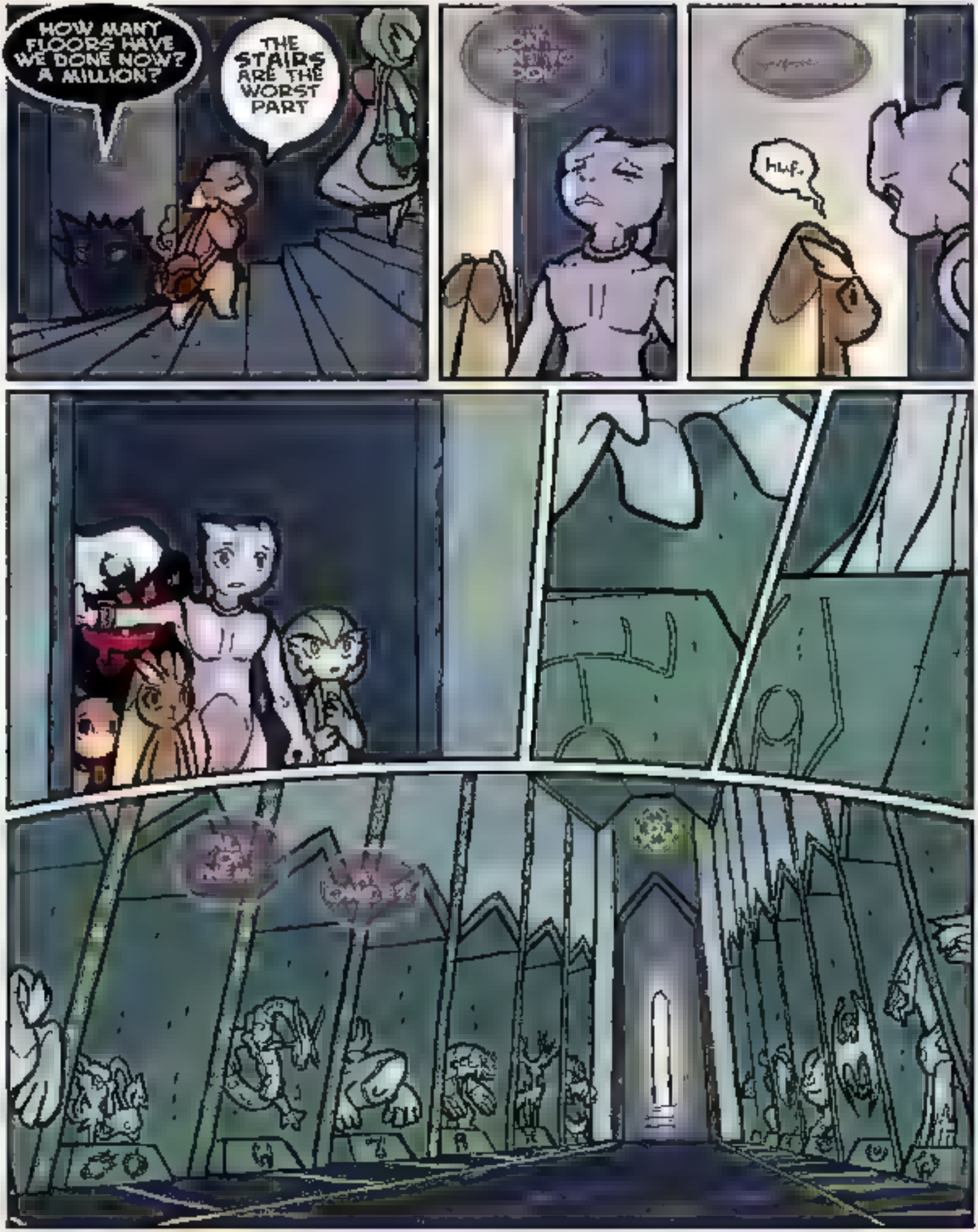
I AM. I SAVED THAT ONE FOR YOU.

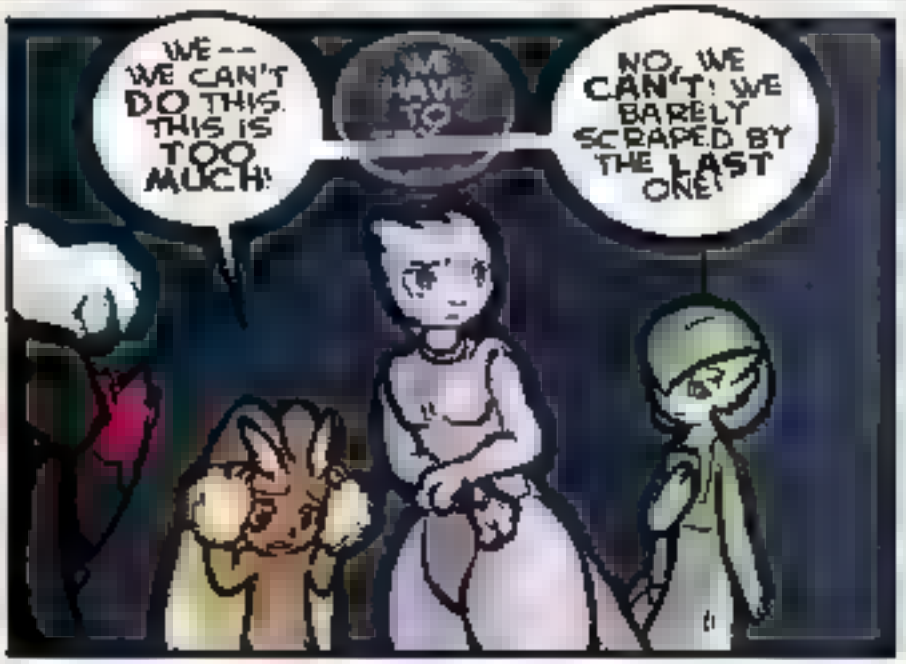



IT'S NOTHING REALLY. JUST
MY TECHNIQUES ALL FEEL WRONG. MISS LOVRINA CHANGED THEM.

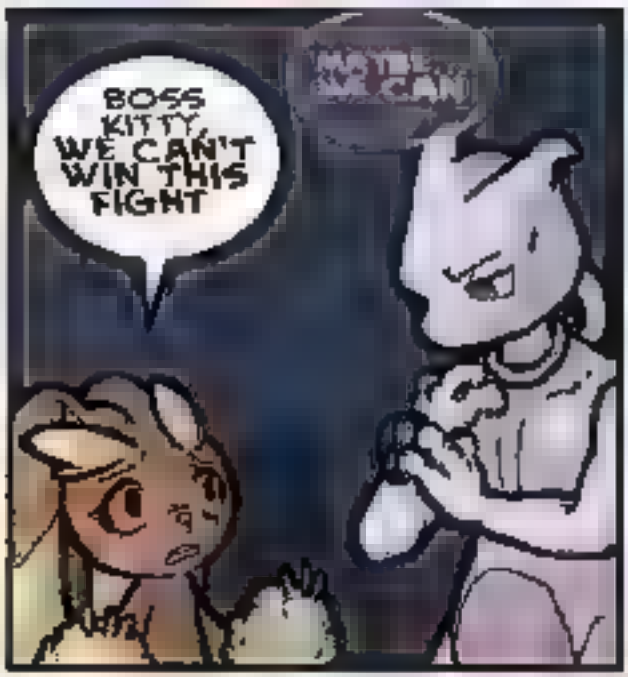

NO! I WANT TO HELP!

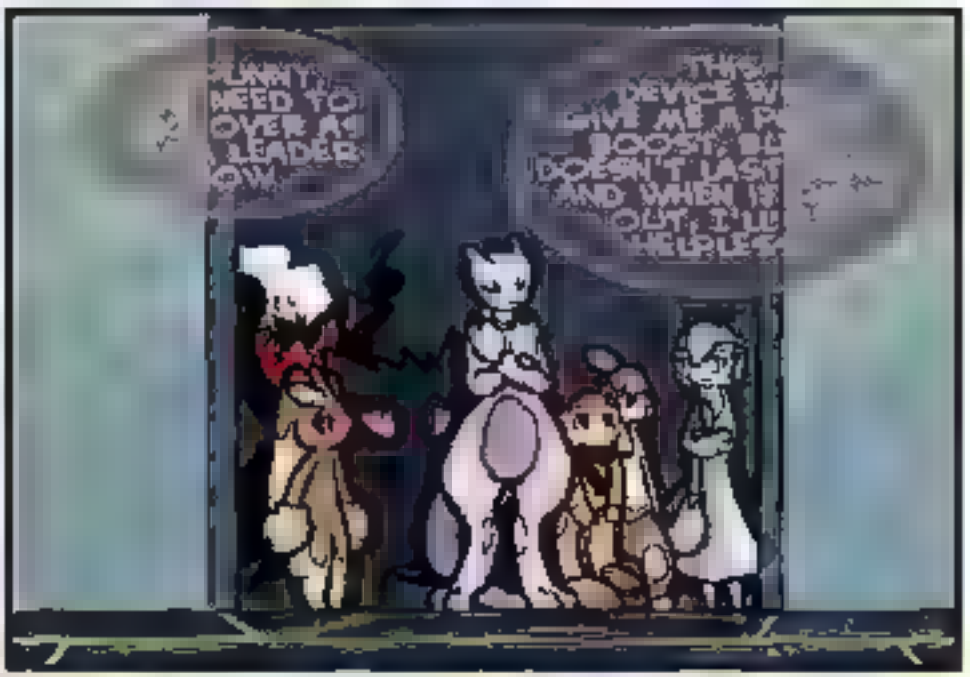
I'M ALL RIGHT FOR NOW.

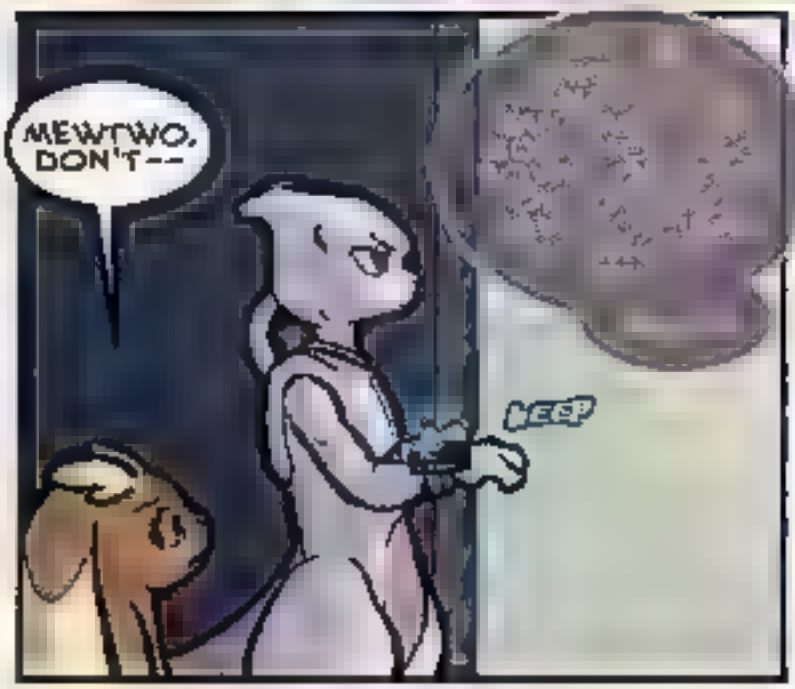

HOW MANY FLOORS HAVE WE DONE NOW? A MILLION?
THE STAIRS ARE THE WORST PART
huf.


WE-- WE CAN'T DO THIS. THIS IS TOO MUCH!
WE HAVE TO
NO, WE CAN'T! WE BARELY SCRAPED BY THE LAST ONE!

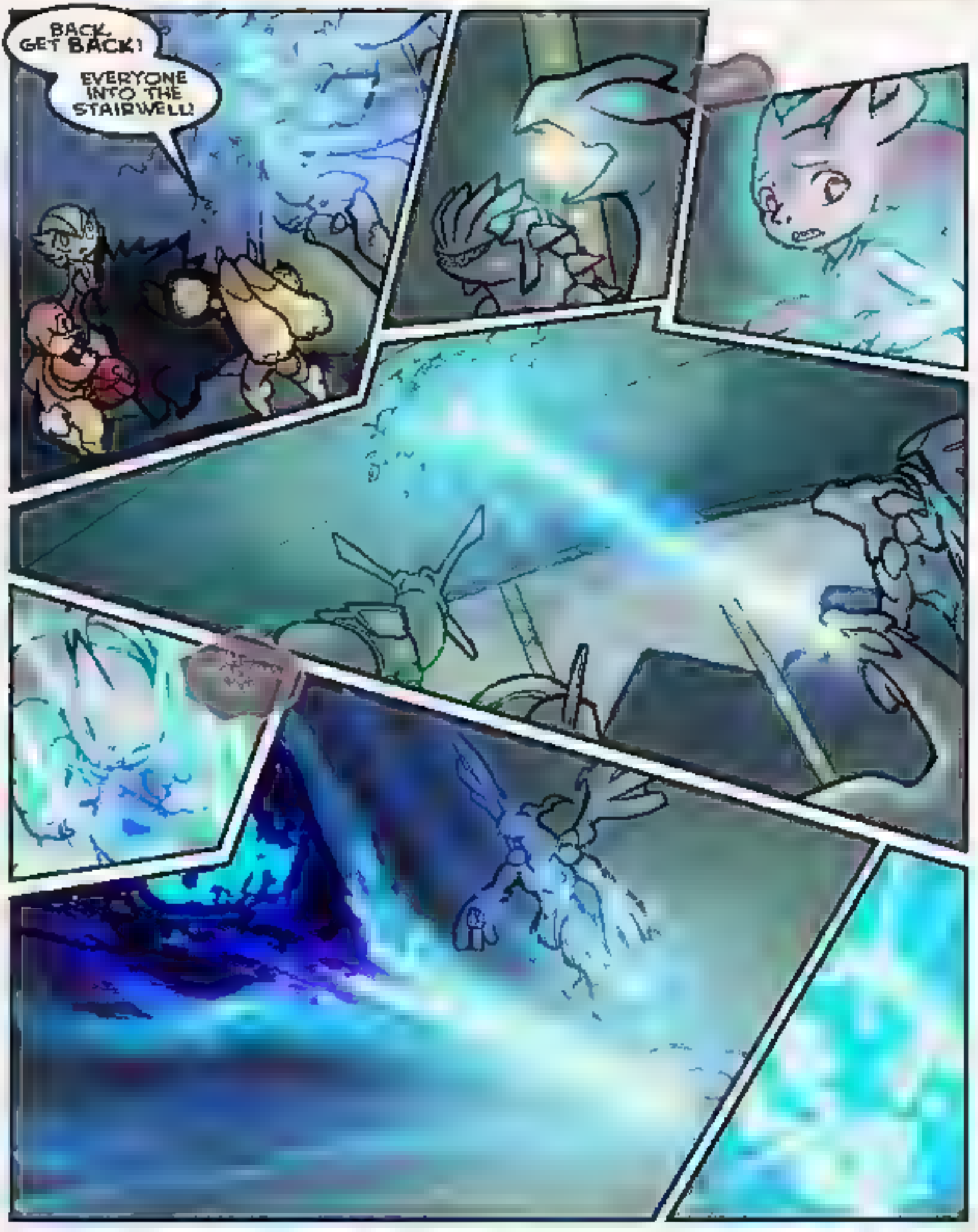
THERE'S NO WAY AND EVEN IF WAS, IF WE NOW, EVERY DES IN MONTH


MAYBE WE CAN!
BOSS KITTY, WE CAN'T WIN THIS FIGHT


FUNNY, NEED TO OVER AS LEADER NOW.
THIS DEVICE W GIVE ME A P BOOST! BU DOESN'T LAST AND WHEN IT OUT, I'LL HELPLES


MEWTWO, DON'T--
KEEP

HERE I GO!
OKAY


BACK, GET BACK!
EVERYONE INTO THE STAIRWELL!

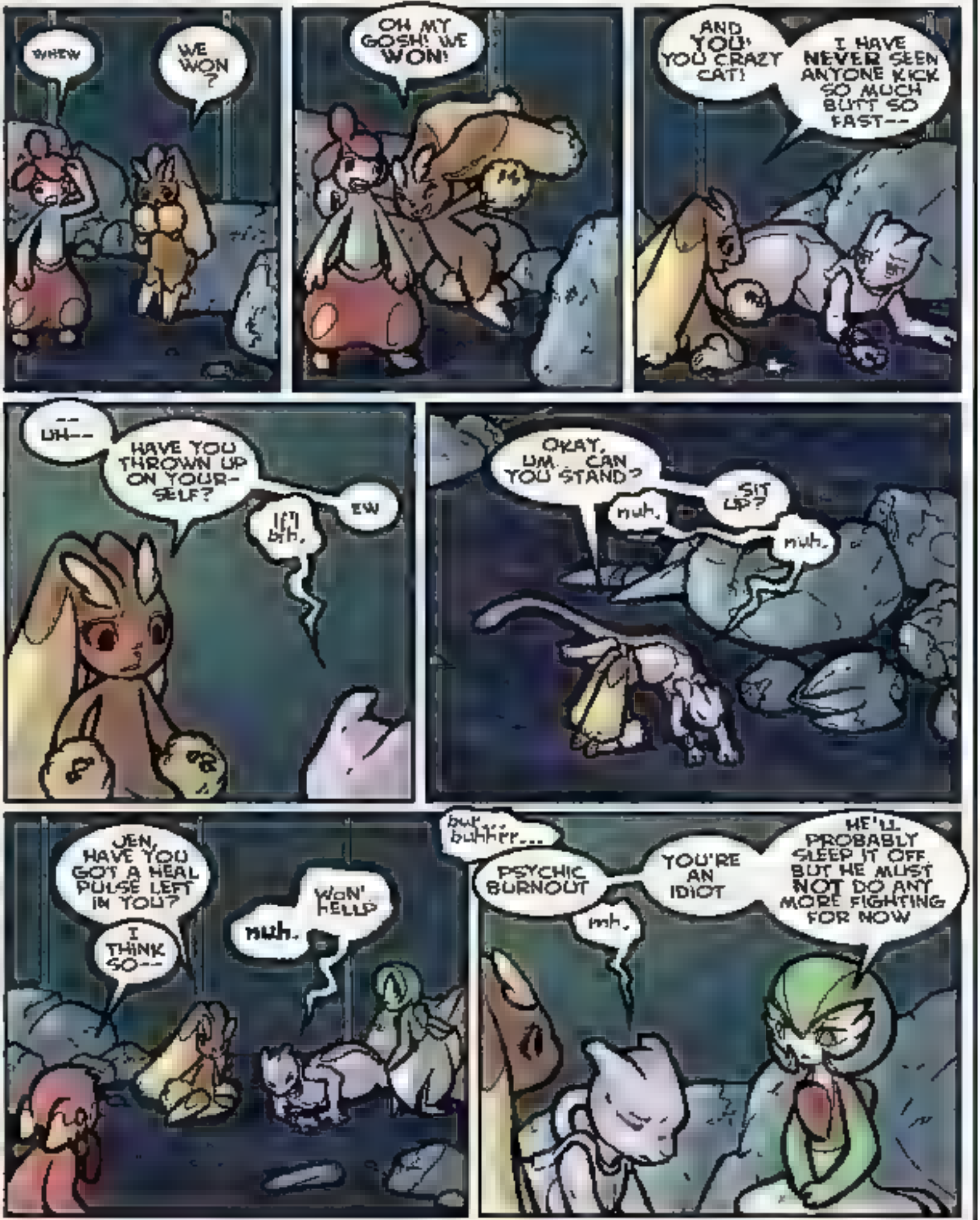
I'M NOT DONE! GIVE ME ONE MORE SHOT
GAAA-!

Huuh...
guhh...
unh—
NNH.
HYAAH!
I NEED AN OPENING!
MEDICHAM, GET CLEAR!
KIAII!

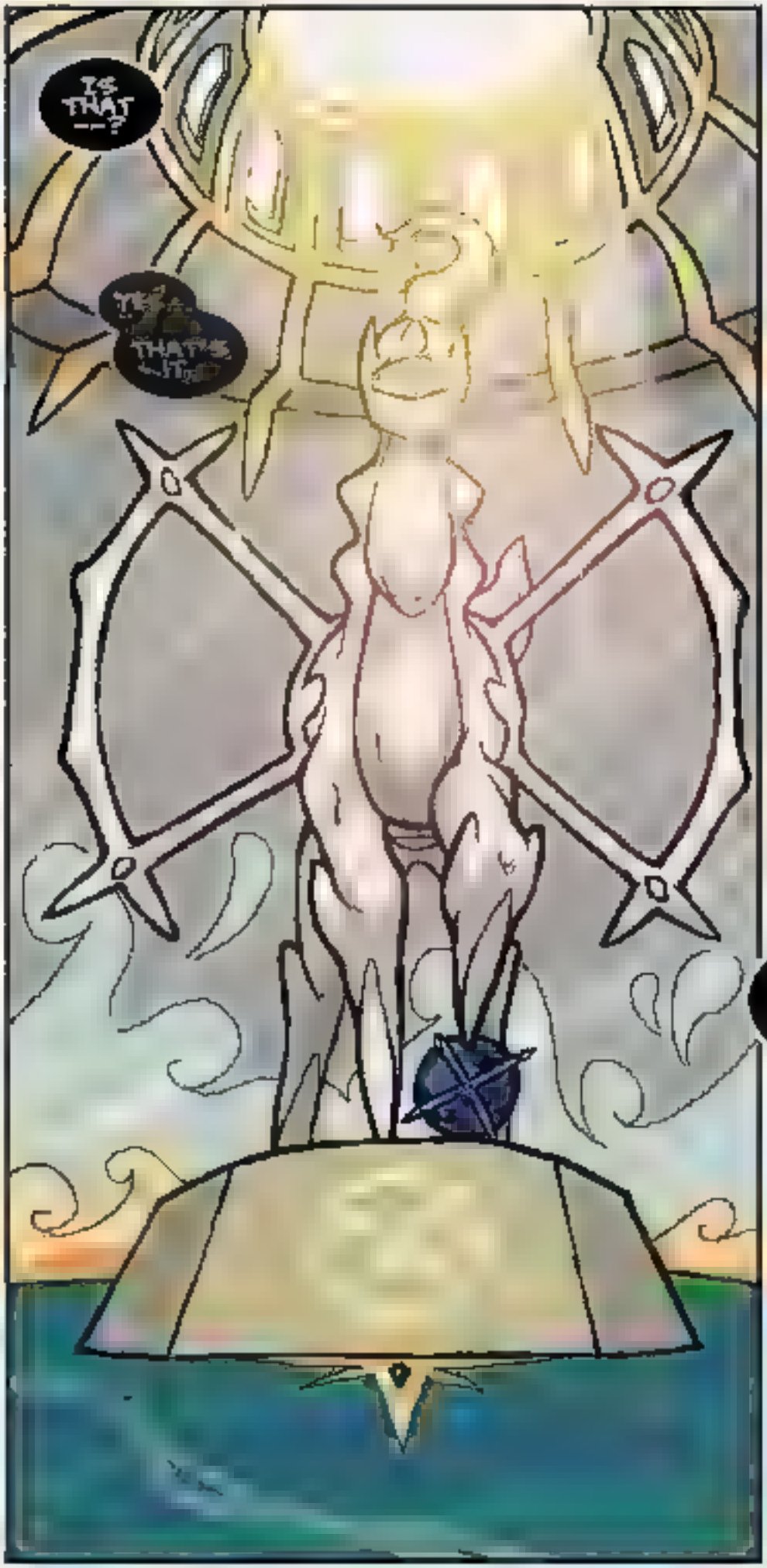
AAA—!
YAH!
eep.

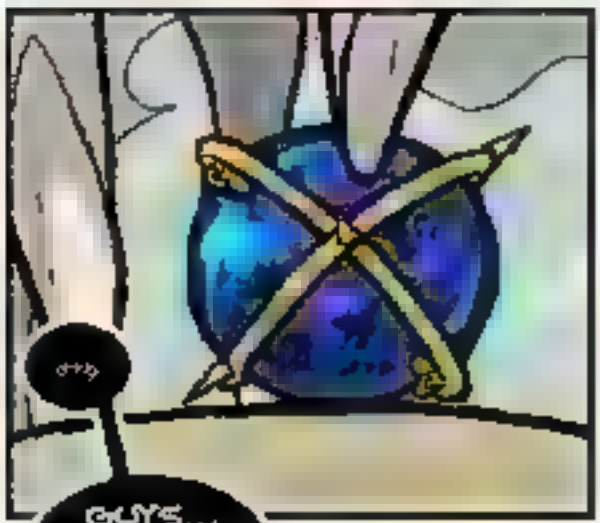
HAAH-- IT'S THE-- LAST GUY--
JUST BLAST HIM ALREADY --!
I CAN'T, I'M OUT! AND SHADOWBALL ISN'T WORKING!
WUH?
RRRUH...
RAAUGH-!
HRRH... HRRUH...
YIKES

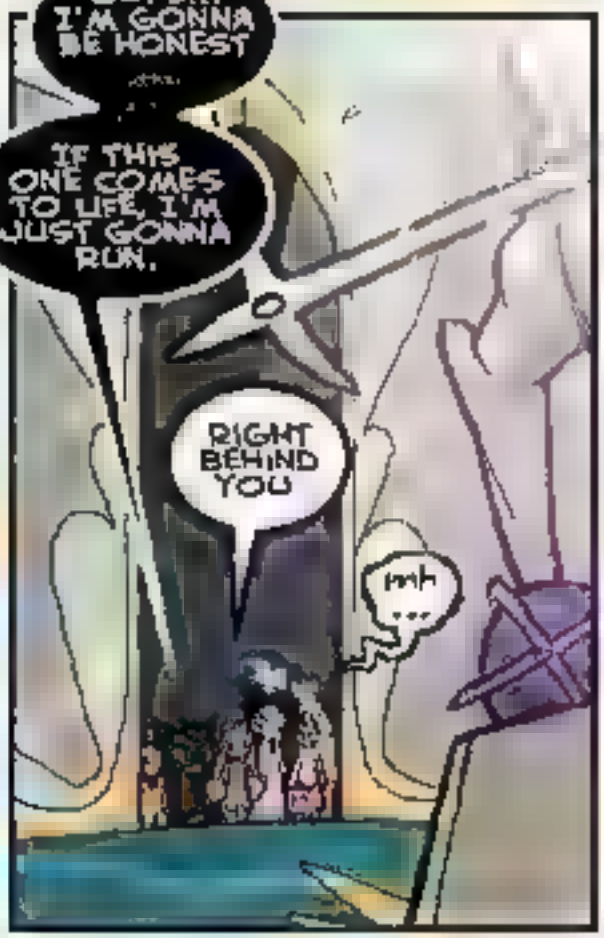
huhTALK to hhim
use... hhnAME... TRUSS-ted voissce...
DARKRAI, HEY, IT'S OKAY... IT'S OVER.
WE WE WON
OKAY? DARKRAI?
DARKRAI, WE CAN STOP NOW ALL THE BAD GUYS ARE GONE, SEE?

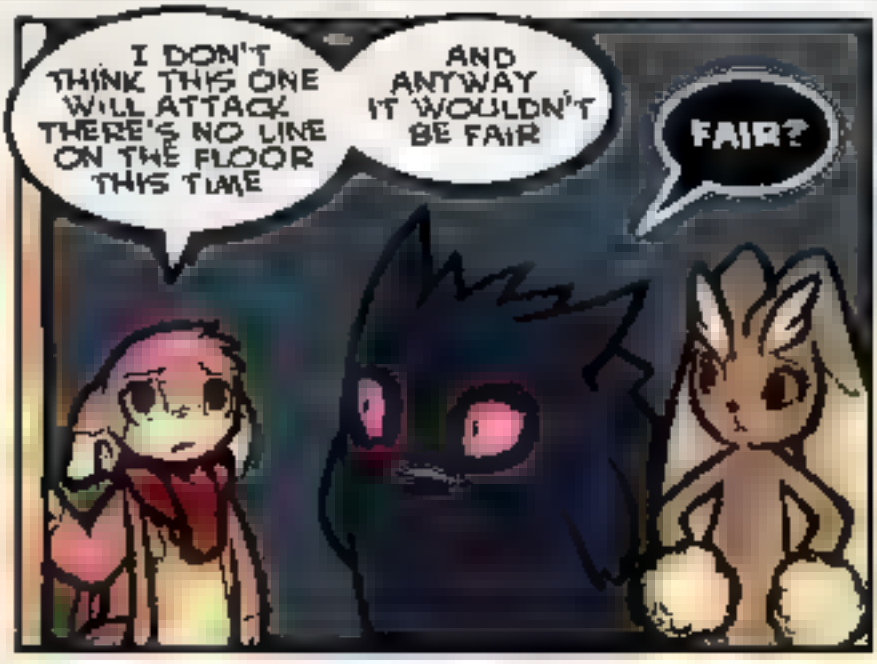

WHEW
WE WON?
OH MY GOSH! WE WON!
AND YOU! YOU CRAZY CAT!
I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE KICK SO MUCH BUTT SO FAST--
--UH--
HAVE YOU THROWN UP ON YOURSELF?
EW
IF'I bth.
OKAY, UM... CAN YOU STAND?
SIT UP?
muh.
muh.
JEN, HAVE YOU GOT A HEAL PULSE LEFT IN YOU?
I THINK SO--
muh.
WON' HELP
bur buhhrr...
PSYCHIC BURNOUT
YOU'RE AN IDIOT
mh.
HE'LL PROBABLY SLEEP IT OFF BUT HE MUST NOT DO ANY MORE FIGHTING FOR NOW

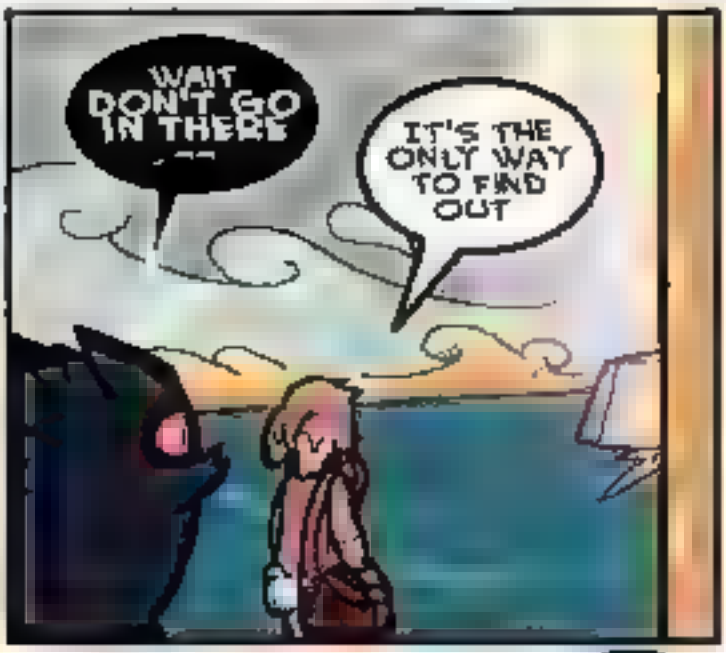
DARKRAI-?
AH!
SORRY. UM. IF YOU'RE FEELING BETTER... CAN YOU HELP OUT?
OH--
YEAH. MEWTWO CAN'T WALK VERY WELL, AND HE'S SO FREAKIN' TALL, WE CAN'T CARRY HIM.
YES--OF COURSE.
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
AHAHAH

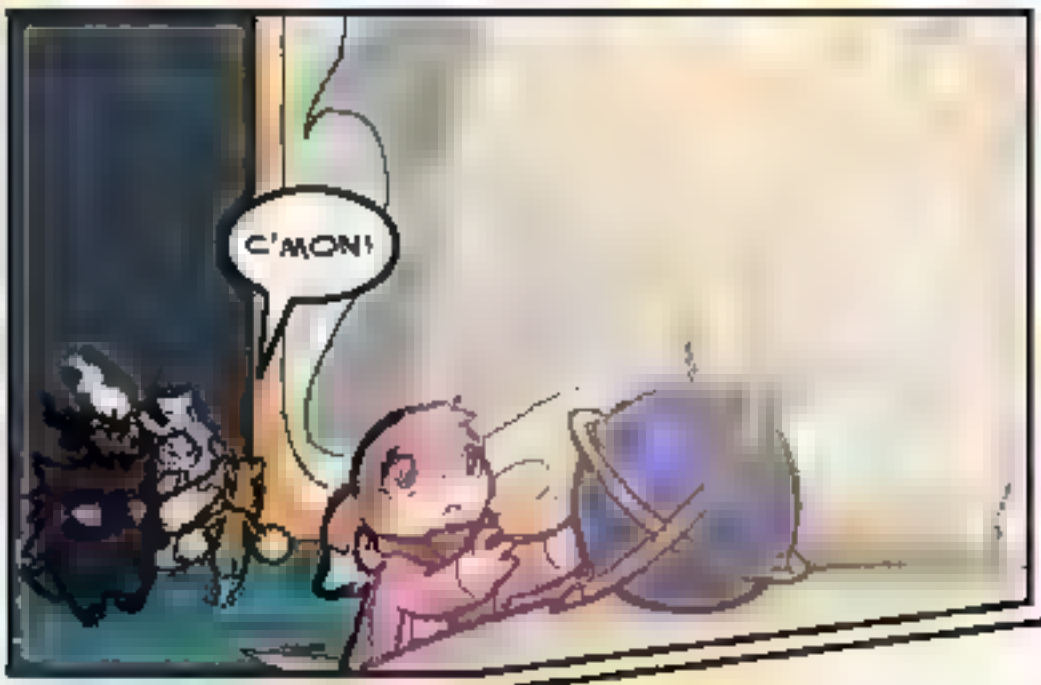

IS THAT --?
YES... THAT'S IT.


GUYS, I'M GONNA BE HONEST
IF THIS ONE COMES TO LIFE, I'M JUST GONNA RUN.


RIGHT BEHIND YOU
mh...

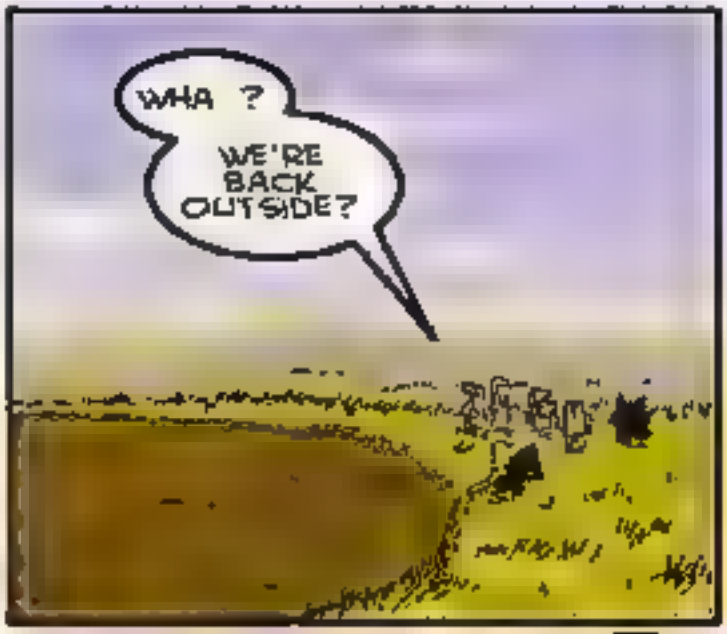

I DON'T THINK THIS ONE WILL ATTACK. THERE'S NO LINE ON THE FLOOR THIS TIME
AND ANYWAY IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR
FAIR?

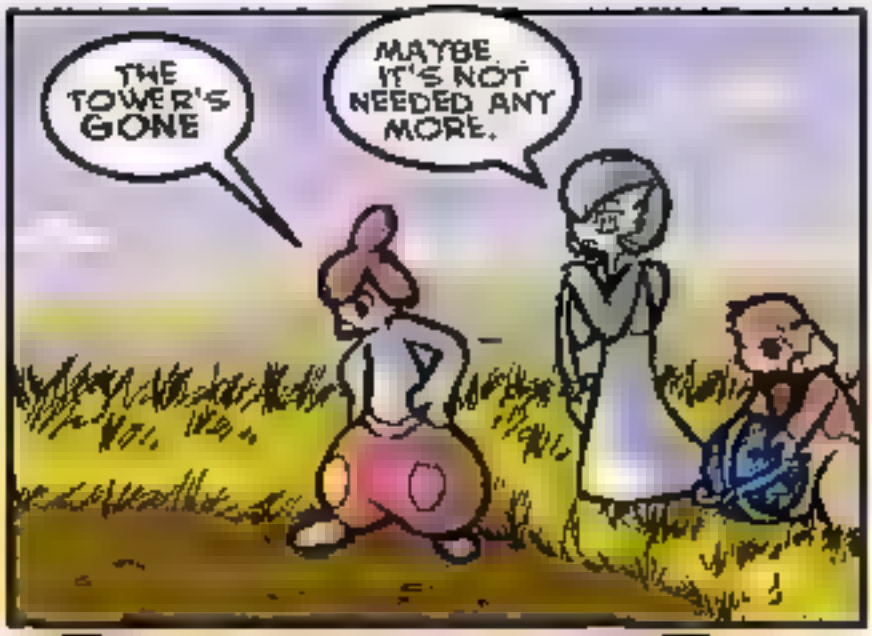

WAIT DON'T GO IN THERE --
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT


C'MON!

UFF-

GAH!
WHAT--?
THAT LIGHT--!

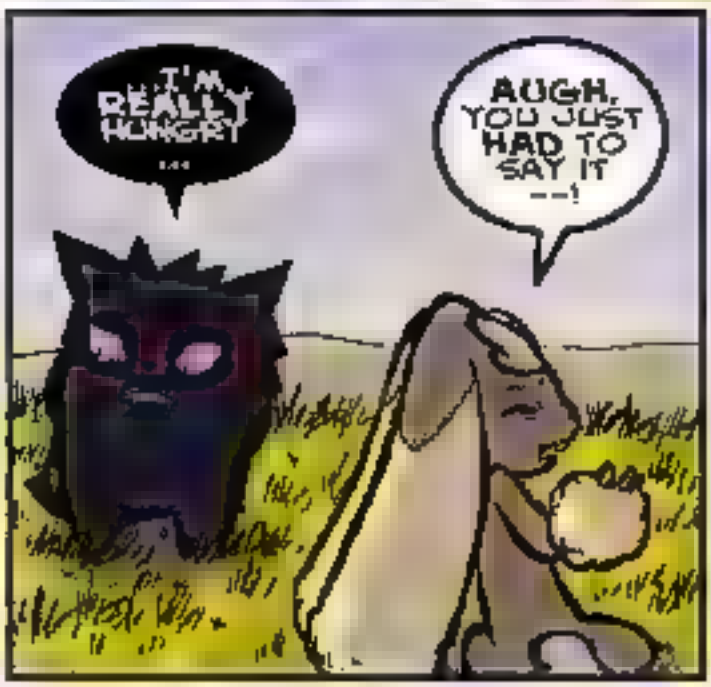

WHA ?
WE'RE BACK OUTSIDE?

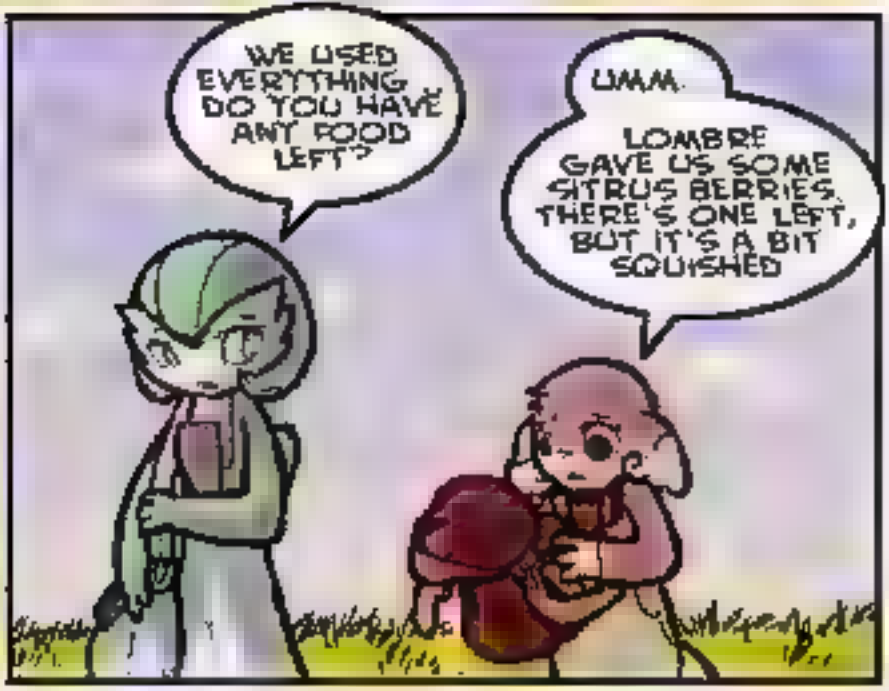

THE TOWER'S GONE
MAYBE IT'S NOT NEEDED ANY MORE.

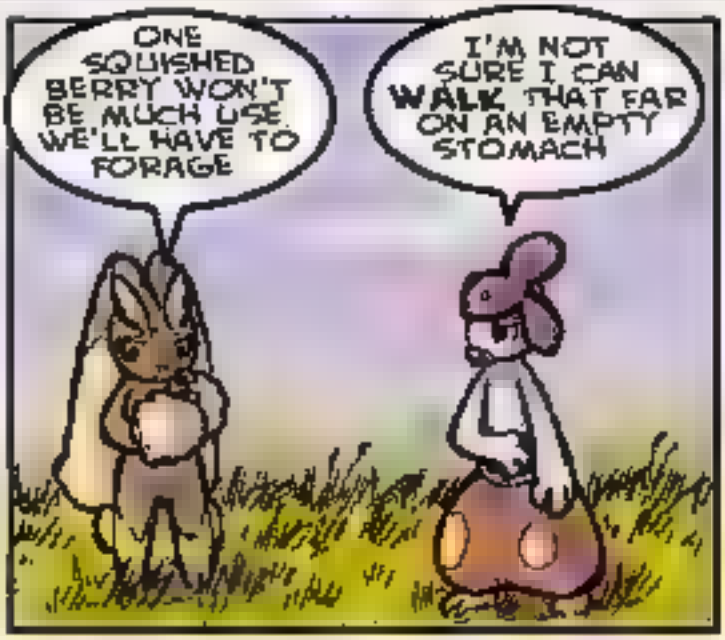
H- HELP-!

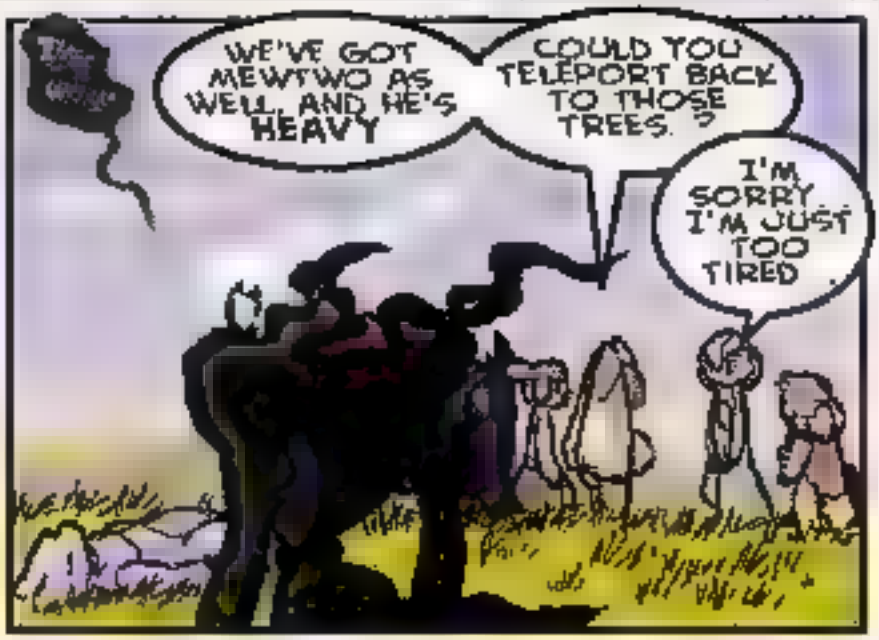
DON'T PANIC
HE'S JUST FAINTED
SET HIM DOWN GENTLY

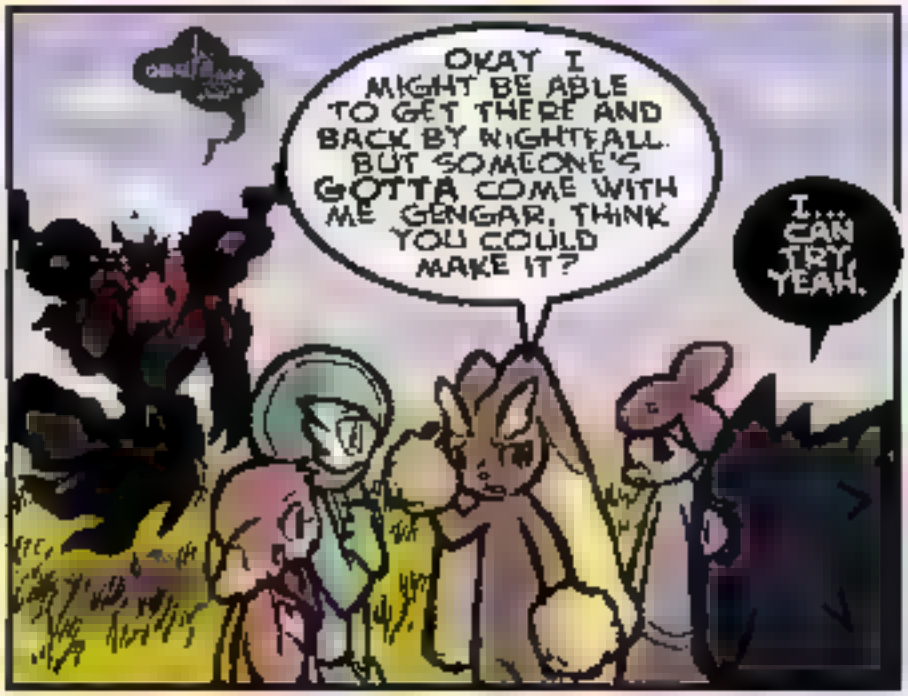
HUH
I GUESS BOSS KITTY'S GOT LIMITS AFTER ALL.
I WAS STARTING TO WONDER

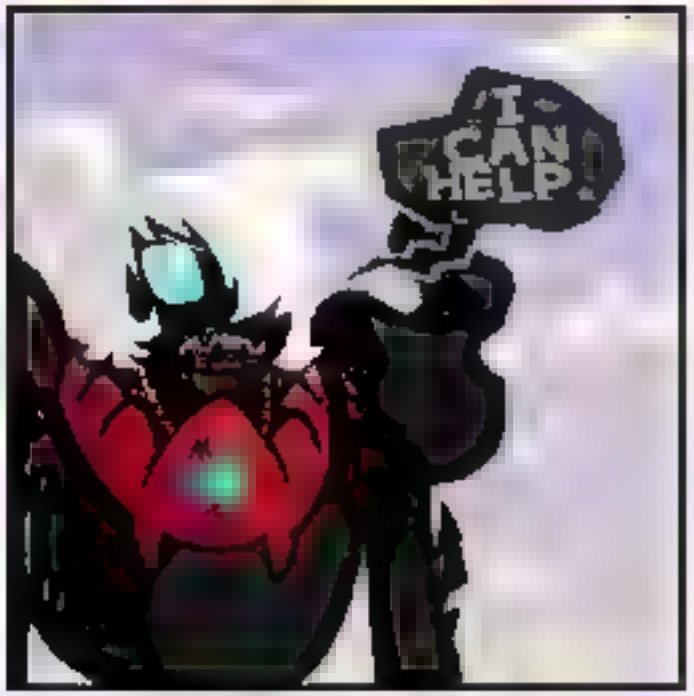

I'M REALLY HUNGRY...
AUGH, YOU JUST HAD TO SAY IT --!


WE USED EVERYTHING DO YOU HAVE ANY FOOD LEFT?
UMM.
LOMBRE GAVE US SOME SITRUS BERRIES. THERE'S ONE LEFT, BUT IT'S A BIT SQUISHED


ONE SQUISHED BERRY WON'T BE MUCH USE. WE'LL HAVE TO FORAGE
I'M NOT SURE I CAN WALK THAT FAR ON AN EMPTY STOMACH

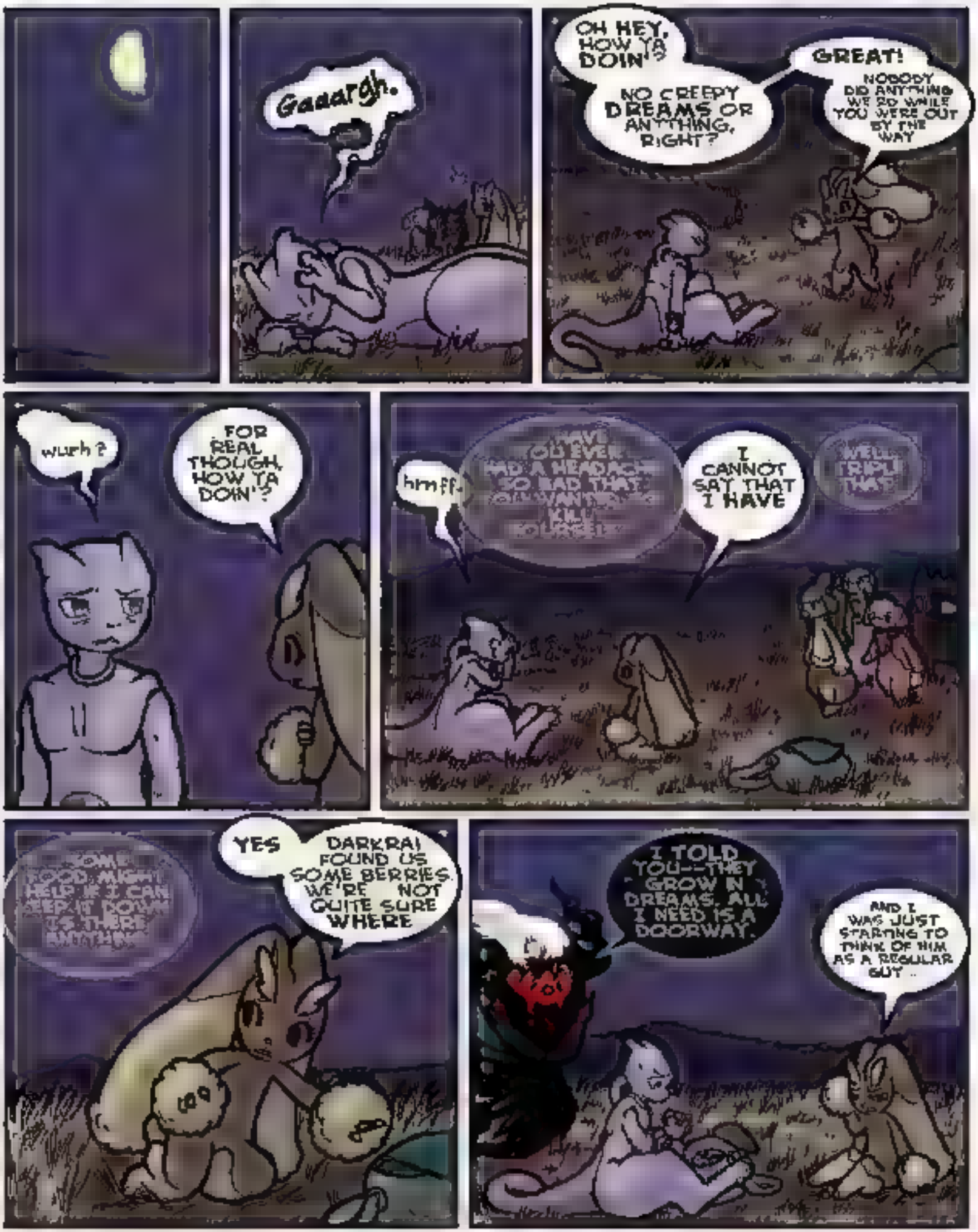

WE'VE GOT MEWTWO AS WELL, AND HE'S HEAVY
COULD YOU TELEPORT BACK TO THOSE TREES...?
I'M SORRY I'M JUST TOO TIRED

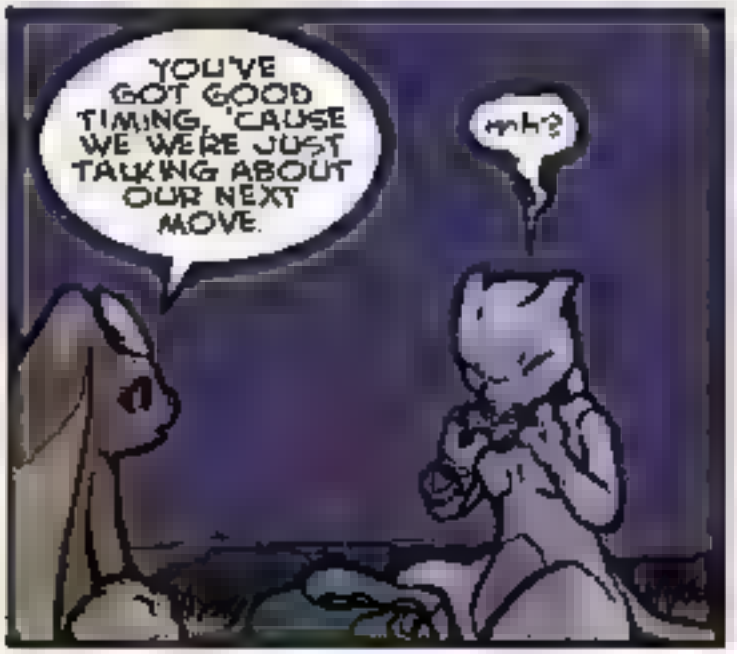

OKAY I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THERE AND BACK BY NIGHTFALL. BUT SOMEONE'S GOTTA COME WITH ME GENGAR. THINK YOU COULD MAKE IT?
I... CAN TRY. YEAH.

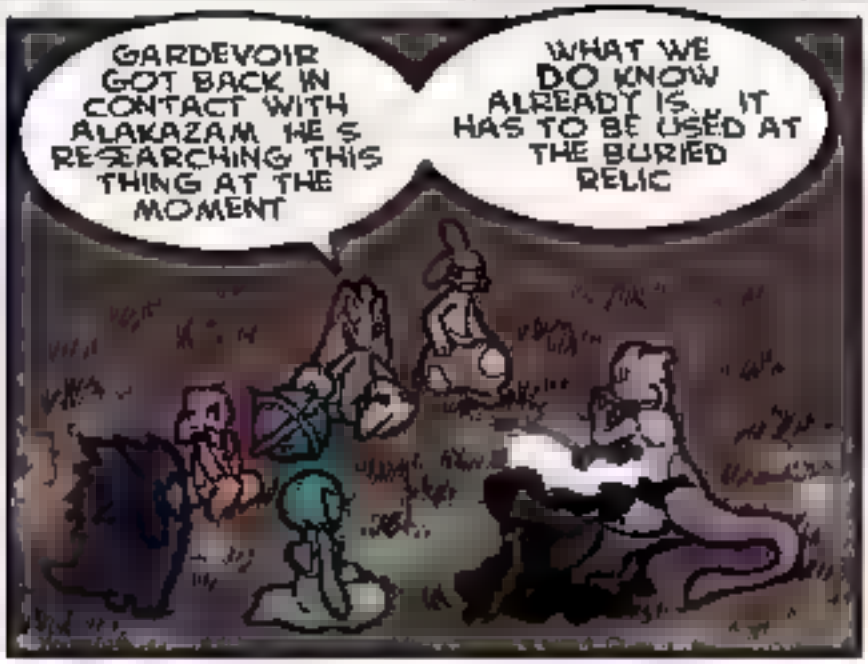

I CAN HELP!

AS LONG AS MEWTWO

WHHAAAT
EXACTLY
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH HIM...?


Gaaargh.
OH HEY, HOW YA DOIN'?
NO CREEPY DREAMS OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
GREAT!
NOBODY DID ANYTHING WE'D WHILE YOU WERE OUT BY THE WAY
wurh?
FOR REAL THOUGH, HOW YA DOIN'?
hmff.
I CANNOT SAY THAT I HAVE
YES
DARKRAI FOUND US SOME BERRIES. WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHERE
I TOLD YOU--THEY GROW IN DREAMS. ALL I NEED IS A DOORWAY.
AND I WAS JUST STARTING TO THINK OF HIM AS A REGULAR GUY..

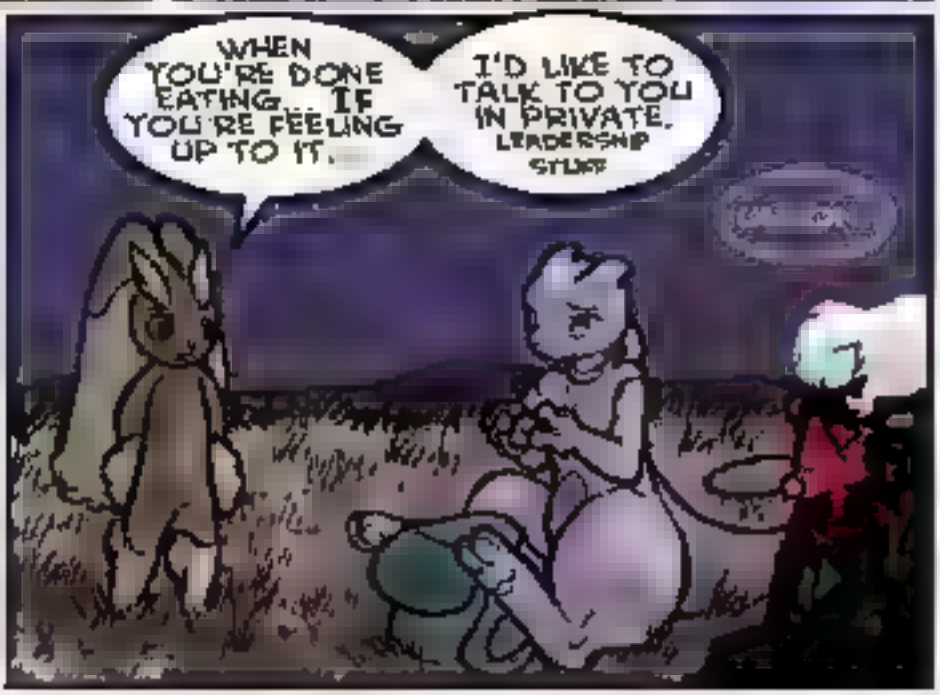

YOU'VE GOT GOOD TIMING, 'CAUSE WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT OUR NEXT MOVE.
mm-h?

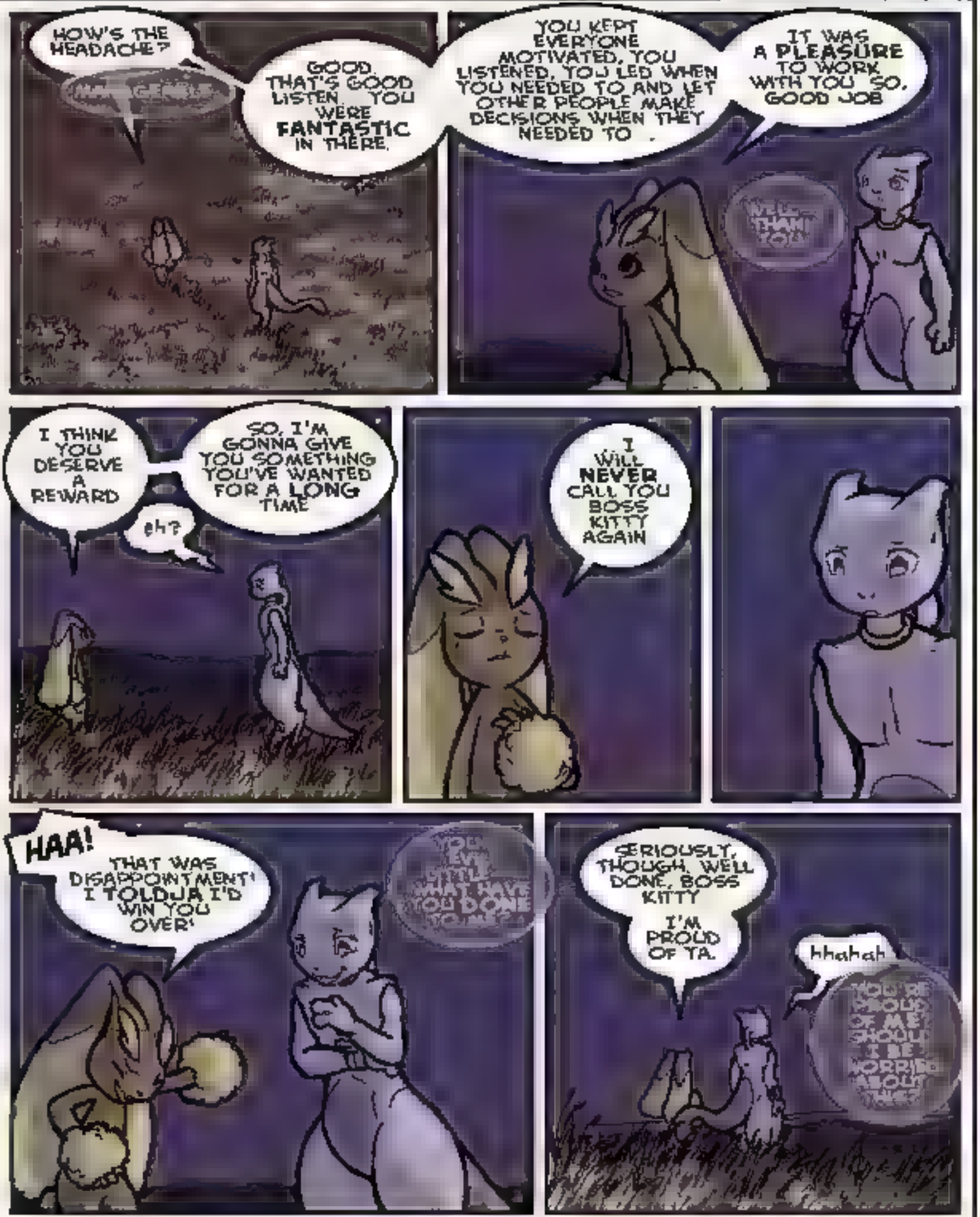

GARDEVOIR GOT BACK IN CONTACT WITH ALAKAZAM. HE'S RESEARCHING THIS THING AT THE MOMENT
WHAT WE DO KNOW ALREADY IS... IT HAS TO BE USED AT THE BURIED RELIC

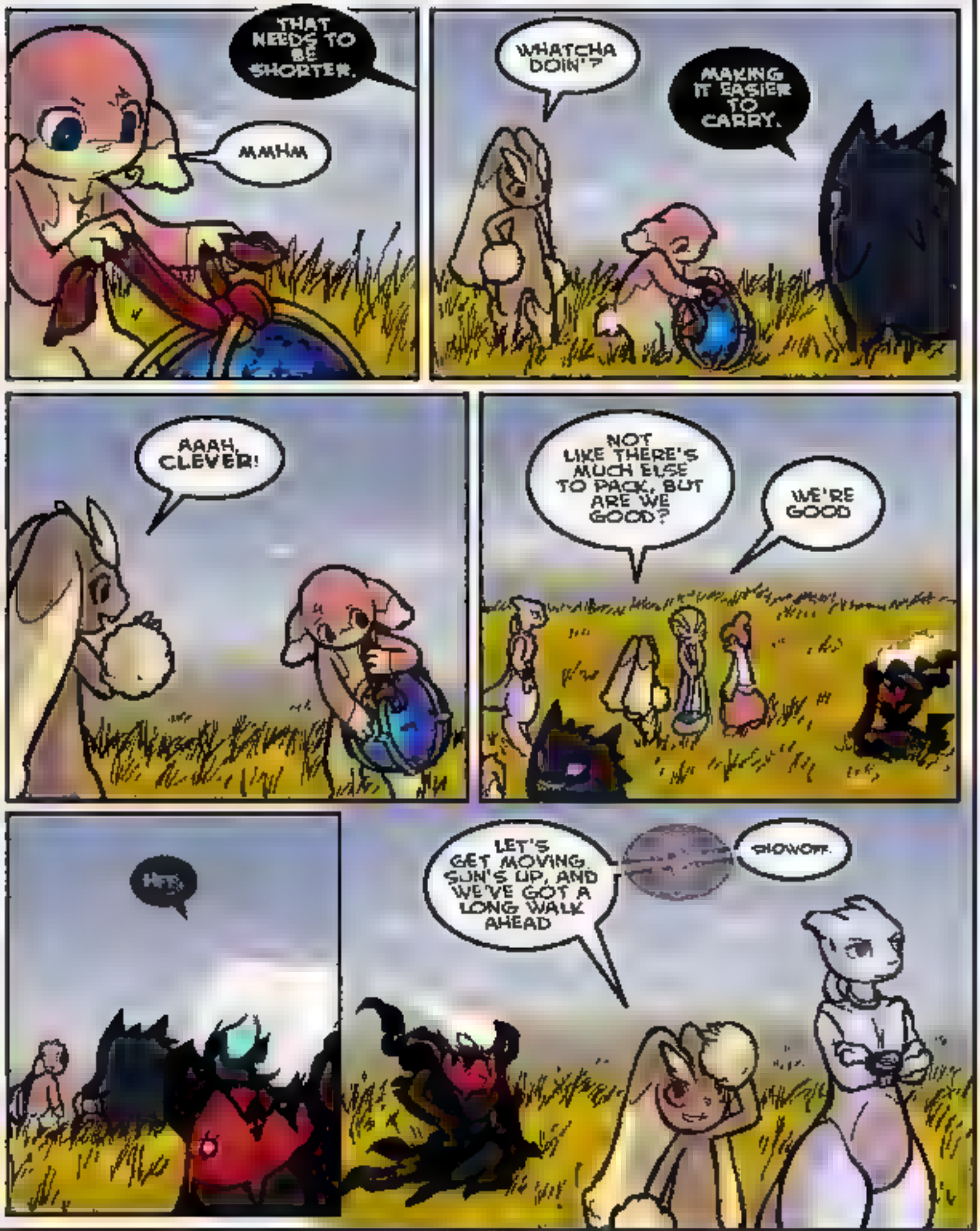
THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM, SINCE THE BURIED RELIC DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE.
WELL-- YEAH. THAT'S THE DEBATE. DO WE SIT TIGHT AND WAIT FOR ALAKAZAM TO WORK SOMETHING OUT, OR HEAD OVER THERE ANYWAY?

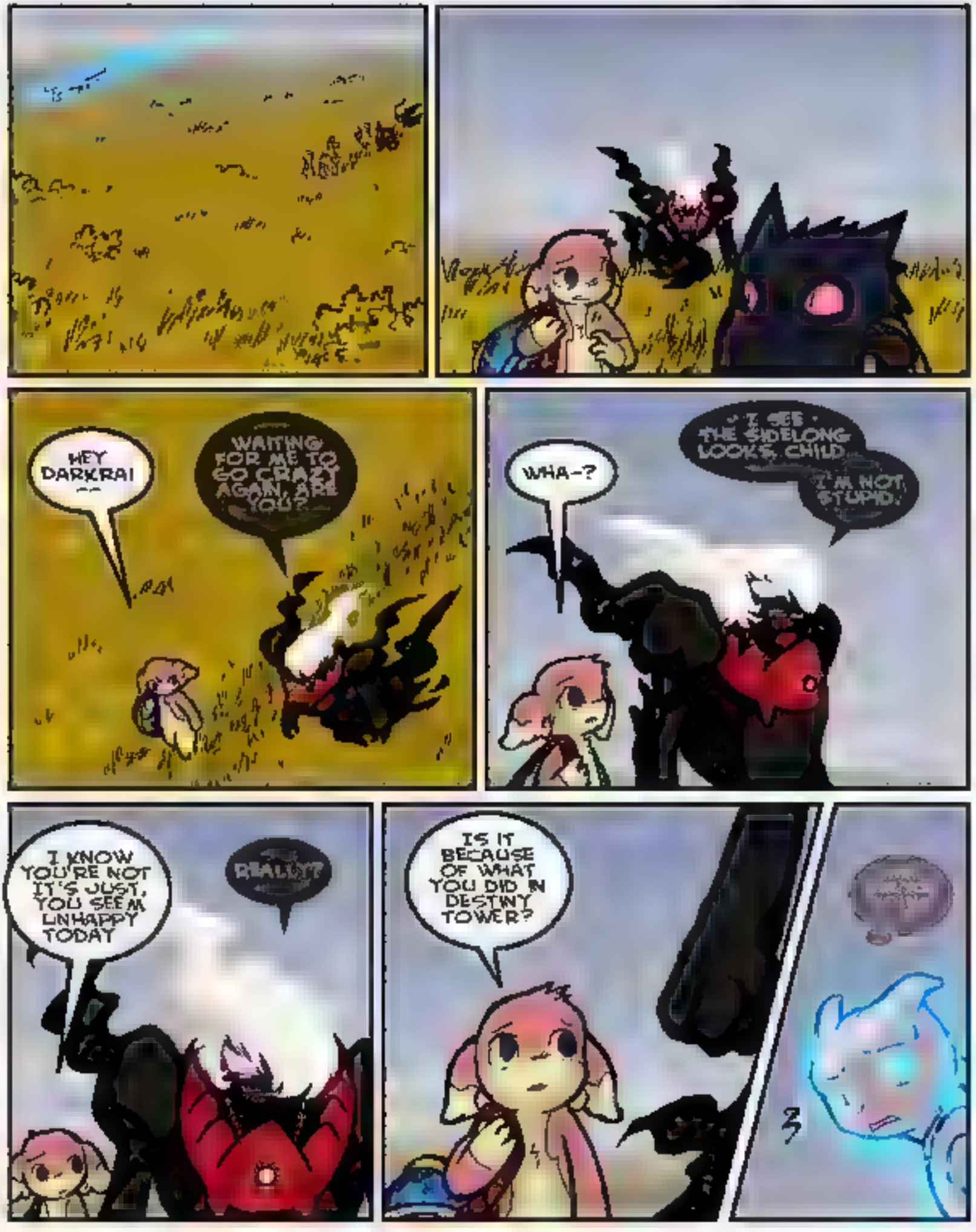
WAITING ON MY OPINION AGAIN?
RATHER BE DOING SOMETHING THAN SITTING AROUND.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL AGREED THEN. WE'LL HEAD OFF TOMORROW MORNING


WHEN YOU'RE DONE EATING. IF YOU'RE FEELING UP TO IT.
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE. LEADERSHIP STUFF

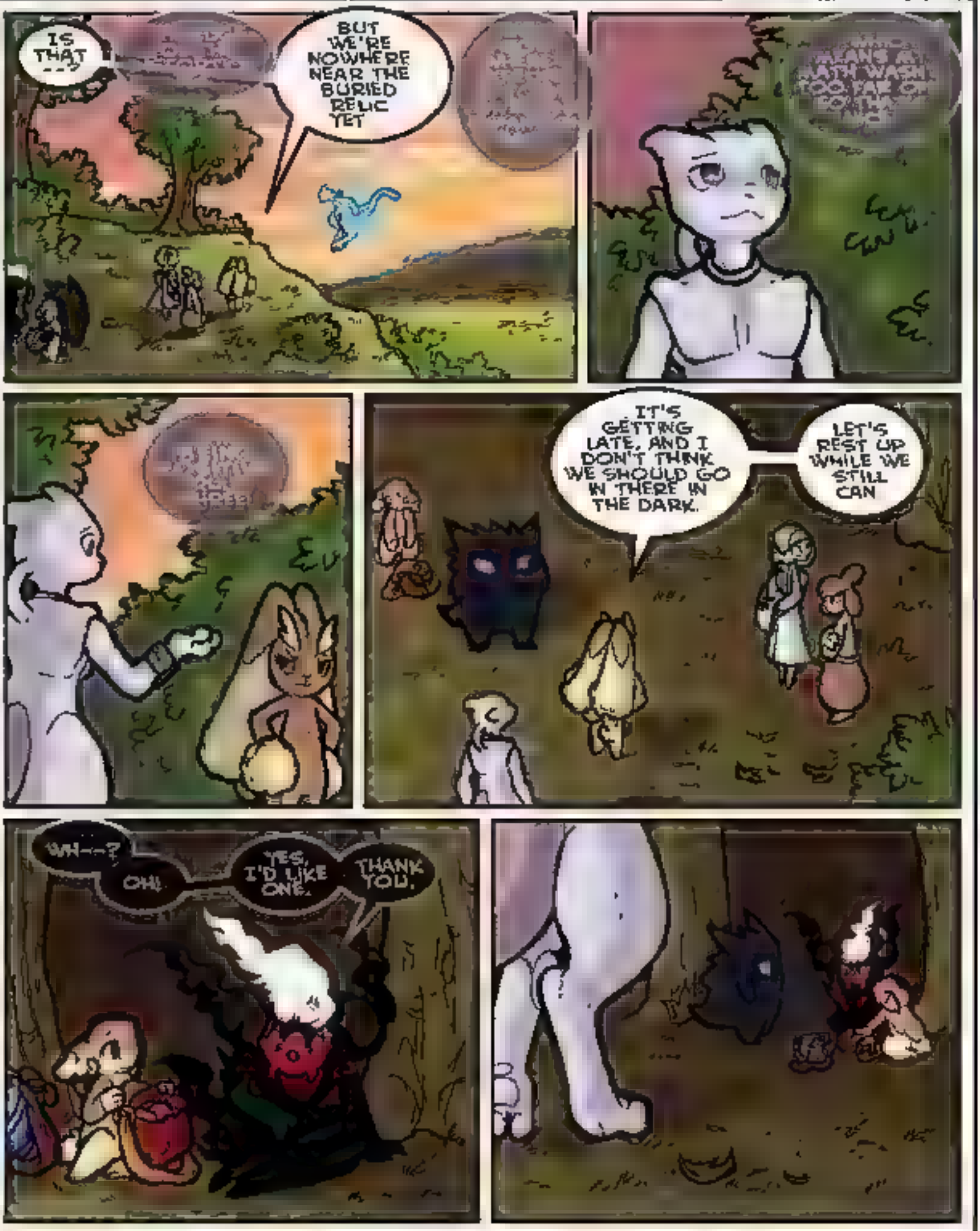

HOW'S THE HEADACHE?
GOOD. THAT'S GOOD LISTEN... YOU WERE FANTASTIC IN THERE.
YOU KEPT EVERYONE MOTIVATED, YOU LISTENED, YOU LED WHEN YOU NEEDED TO AND LET OTHER PEOPLE MAKE DECISIONS WHEN THEY NEEDED TO .
IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU SO, GOOD JOB
I THINK YOU DESERVE A REWARD
SO, I'M GONNA GIVE YOU SOMETHING YOU'VE WANTED FOR A LONG TIME
eh?
I WILL NEVER CALL YOU BOSS KITTY AGAIN
HAA!
THAT WAS DISAPPOINTMENT! I TOLDJA I'D WIN YOU OVER!
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WELL DONE, BOSS KITTY
I'M PROUD OF YA.
hhahah

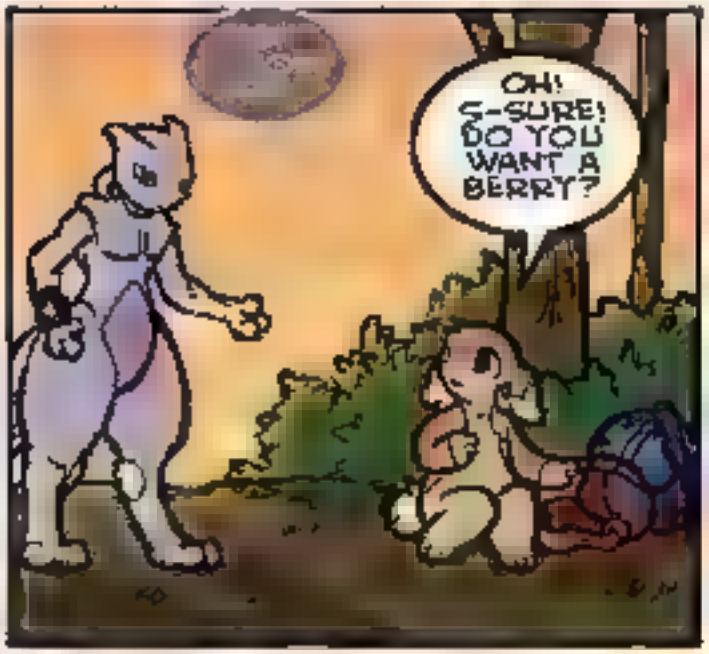

THAT NEEDS TO BE SHORTER.
MMHM
WHATCHA DOIN'?
MAKING IT EASIER TO CARRY.
AAAH, CLEVER!
NOT LIKE THERE'S MUCH ELSE TO PACK, BUT ARE WE GOOD?
WE'RE GOOD
HEY!
LET'S GET MOVING. SUN'S UP, AND WE'VE GOT A LONG WALK AHEAD
SHOWOFF.

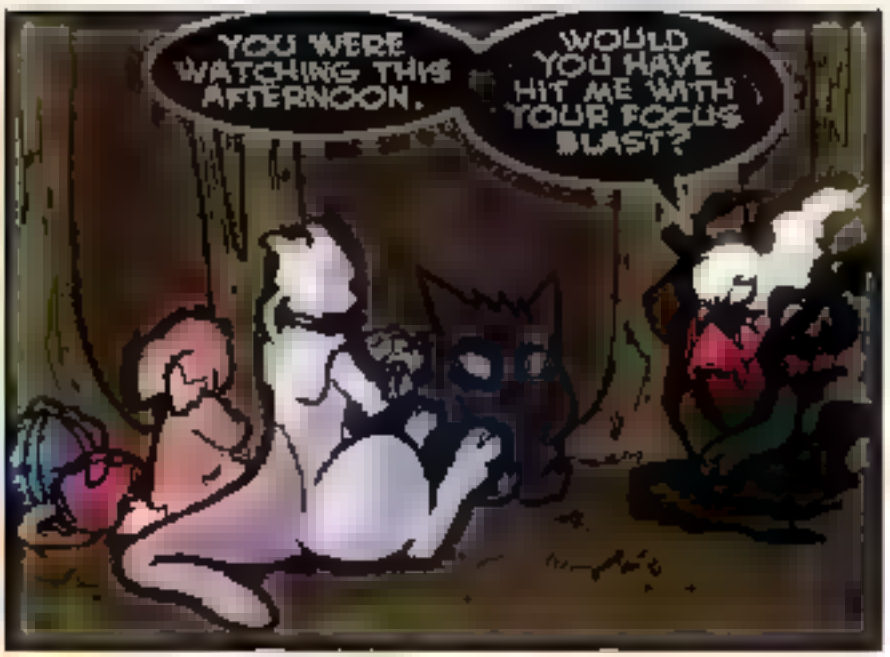

HEY DARKRAI
WAITING FOR ME TO GO CRAZY AGAIN, ARE YOU?
WHA-?
I SEE THE SIDELONG LOOKS, CHILD...
I'M NOT STUPID.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT IT'S JUST, YOU SEEM UNHAPPY TODAY
REALLY?
IS IT BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID IN DESTINY TOWER?

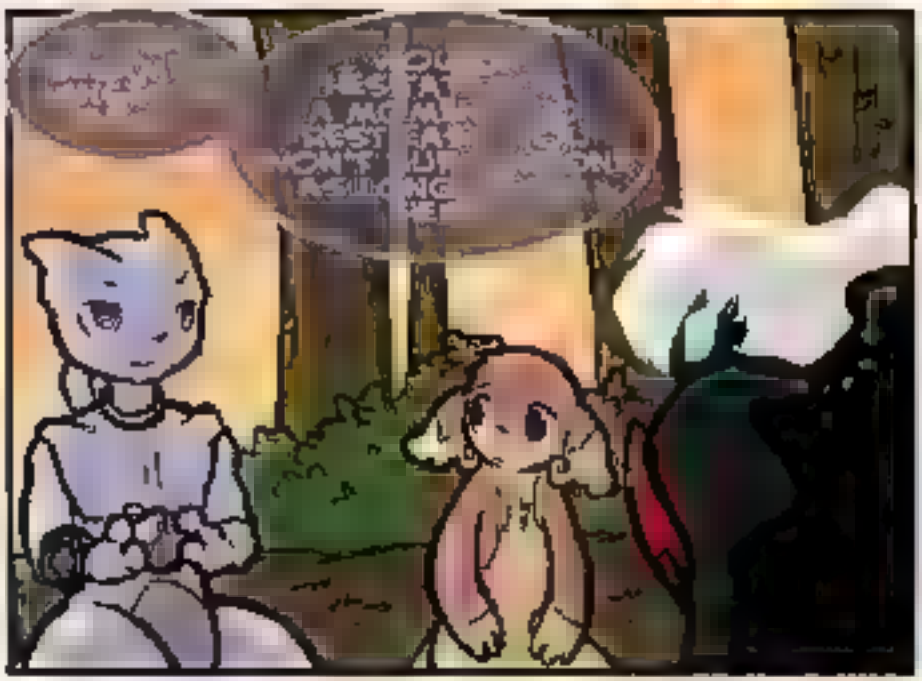
I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULDN'T LET IT...
BUT I WAS SO AFRAID, AND IT JUST TOOK OVER...
BUT YOU CAME BACK. NOBODY HAD TO FIGHT YOU, NOBODY GOT HURT.
YOU CAME BACK ALL BY YOURSELF.
I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH. IT'LL KEEP HAPPENING.
WE'RE NOT GONNA HATE YOU IF IT DOES, JUST COME BACK.
DARKRAI COME BACK. OKAY? COME BACK NOW
IT CAN'T. I CAN'T.
JUST BREATHE. IT'S OKAY.
SEE? YOU'RE BACK.
HUFF.

DO YOU HAVE
UH WH-
TESTING ?
hhahah,
POOR DARKRAI


IS THAT ---?
BUT WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR THE BURIED RELIC YET
IT'S GETTING LATE, AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD GO IN THERE IN THE DARK.
LET'S REST UP WHILE WE STILL CAN
WH--?
OH!
YES, I'D LIKE ONE.
THANK YOU.

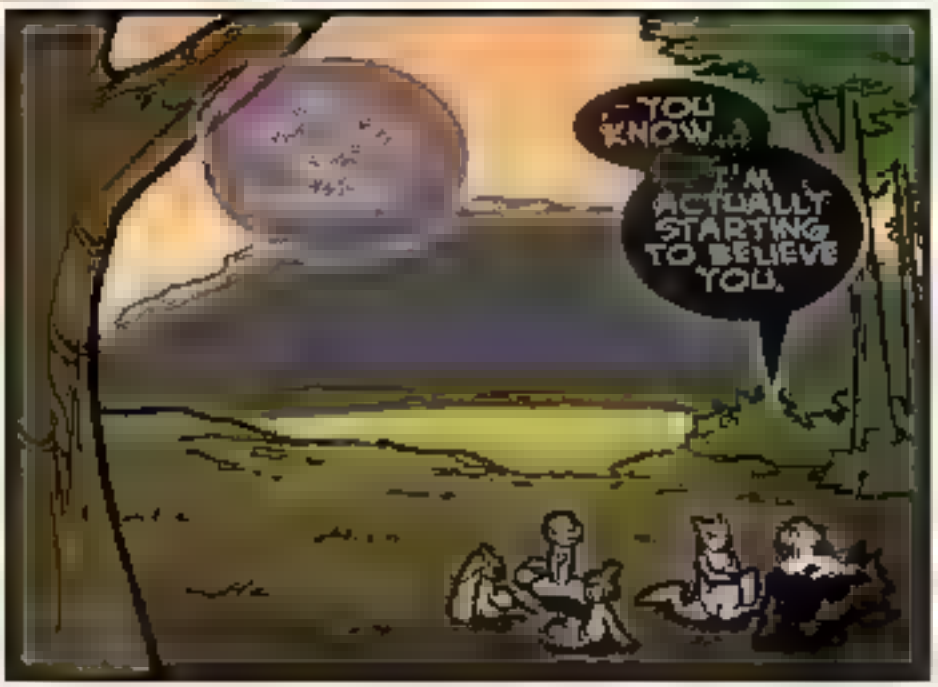

OH! S-SURE! DO YOU WANT A BERRY?

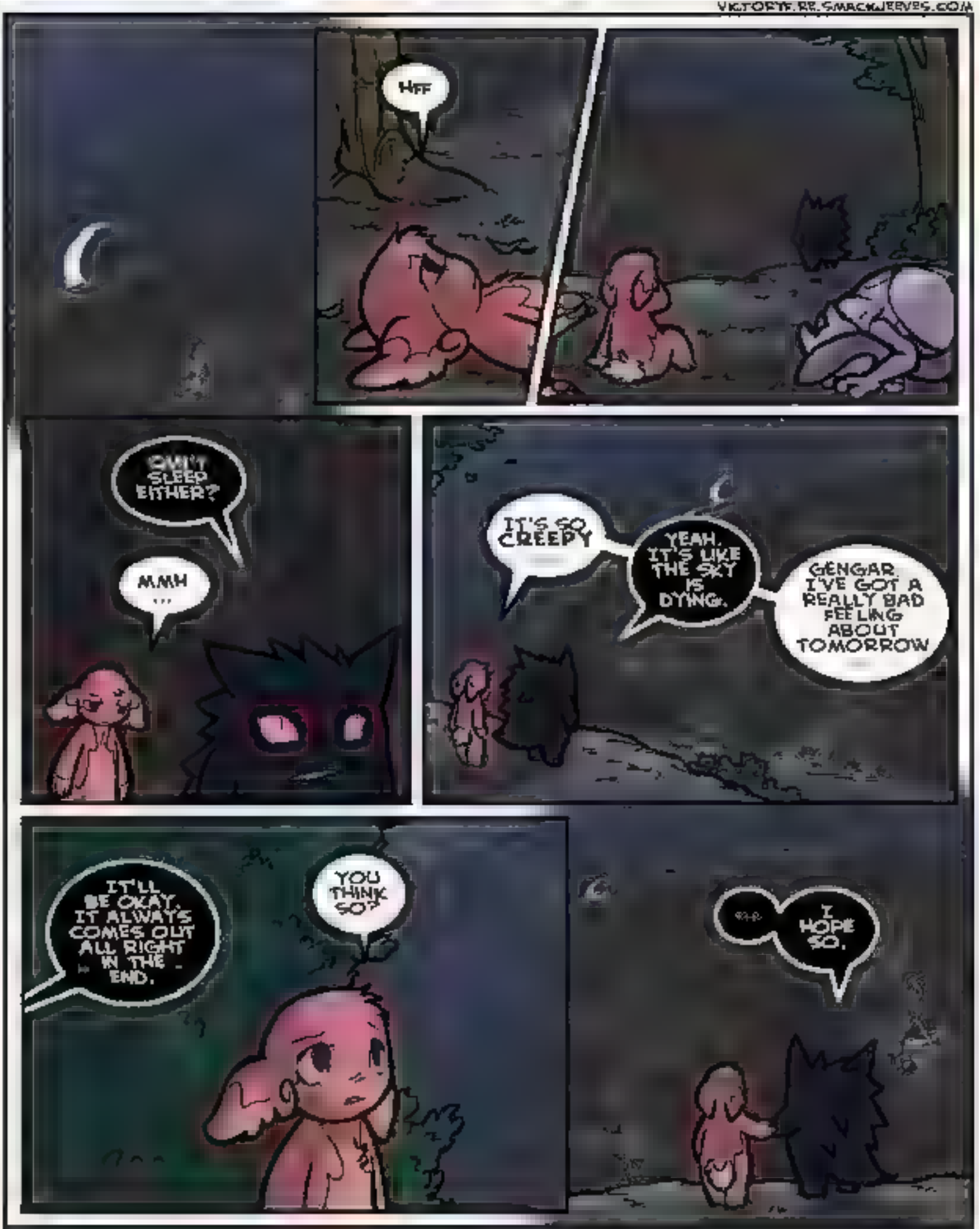

YOU WERE WATCHING THIS AFTERNOON.
WOULD YOU HAVE HIT ME WITH YOUR FOCUS BLAST?

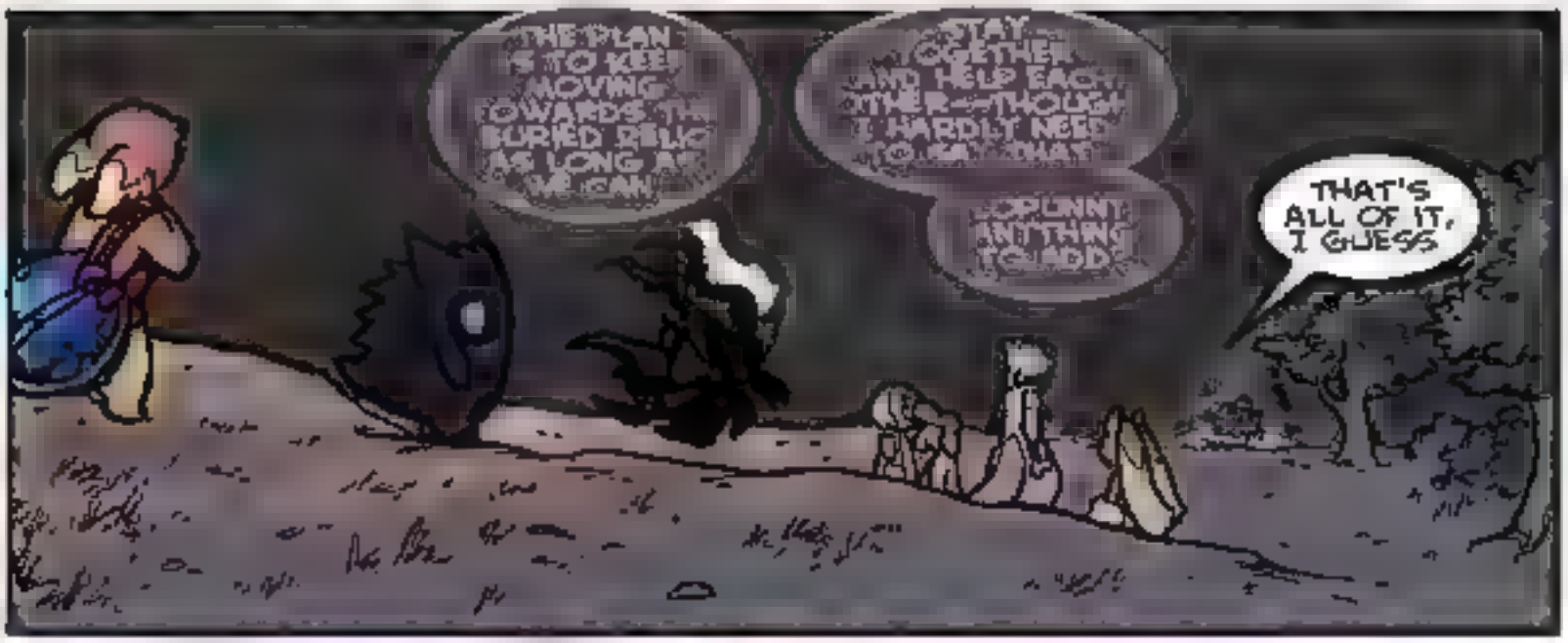


THAT'S THE NICEST DEATH THREAT I'VE EVER HEARD.
HA!

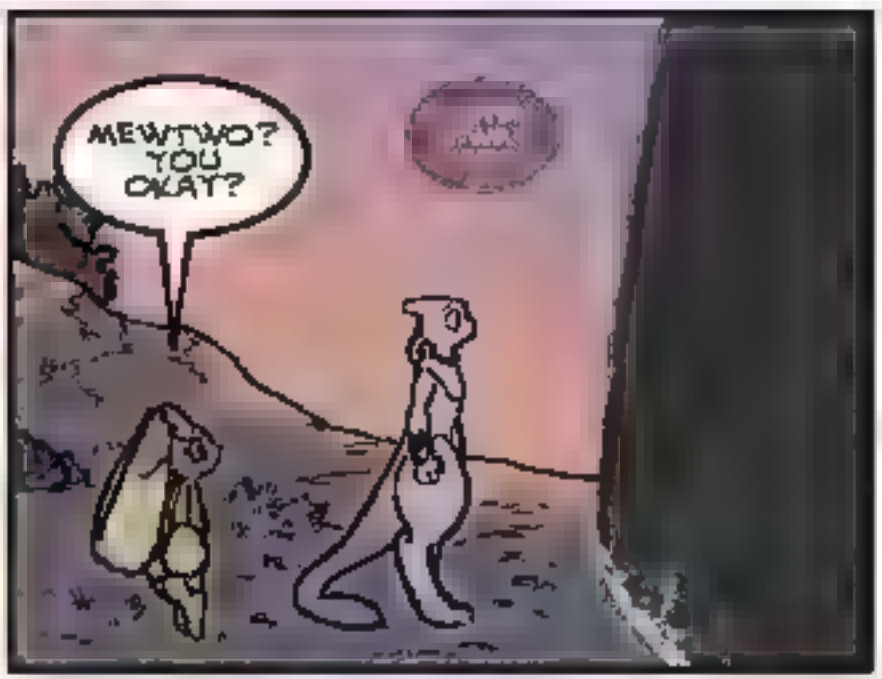
IT DOES MAKE ME FEEL BETTER THOUGH.
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE DRAMA.


YOU KNOW...
I'M ACTUALLY STARTING TO BELIEVE YOU.

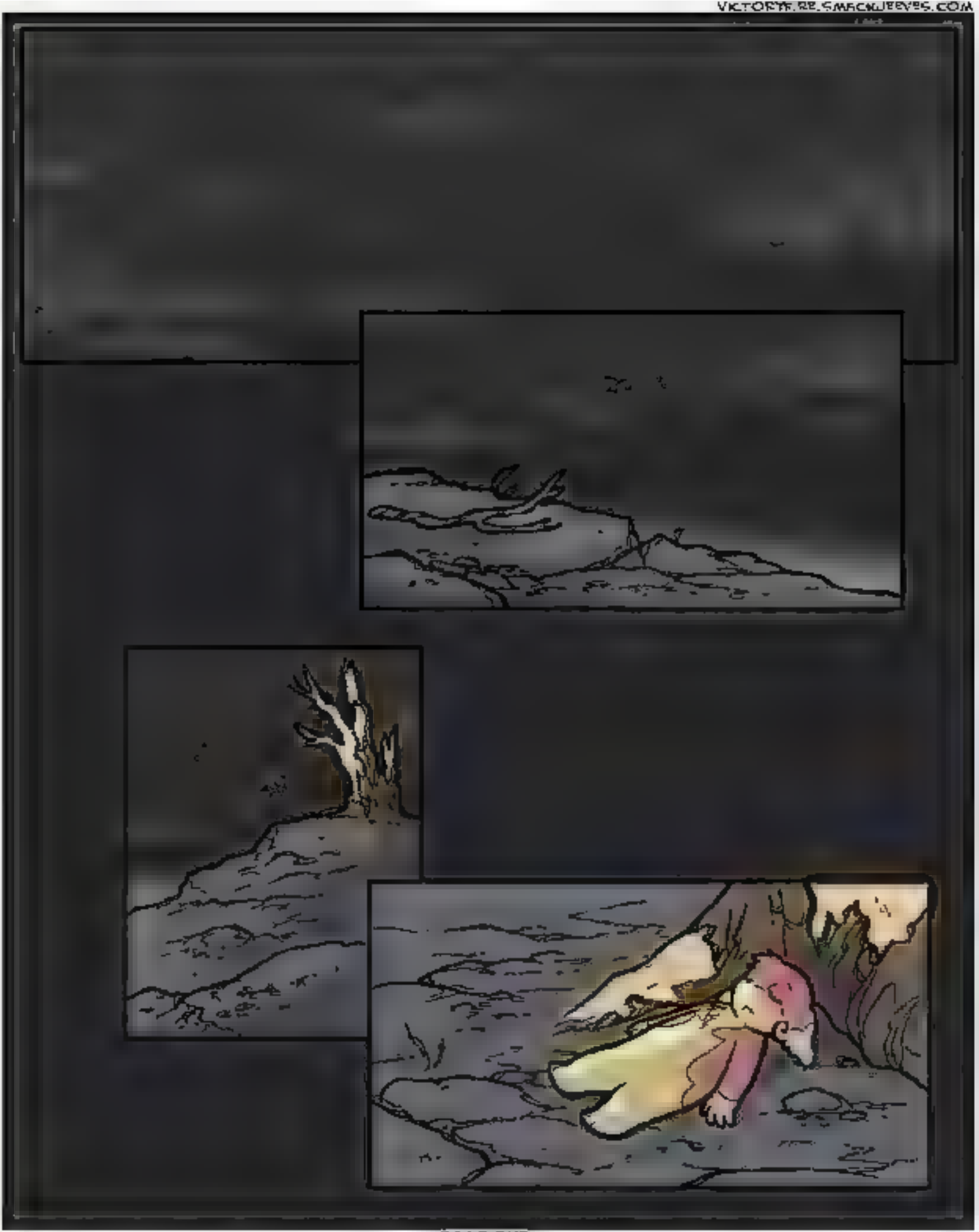

HFF
OMG'T SLEEP EITHER?
MMH ...
IT'S SO CREEPY
YEAH. IT'S LIKE THE SKY IS DYING.
GENGAR. I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT TOMORROW
IT'LL BE OKAY. IT ALWAYS COMES OUT ALL RIGHT IN THE END.
YOU THINK SO?
I HOPE SO.

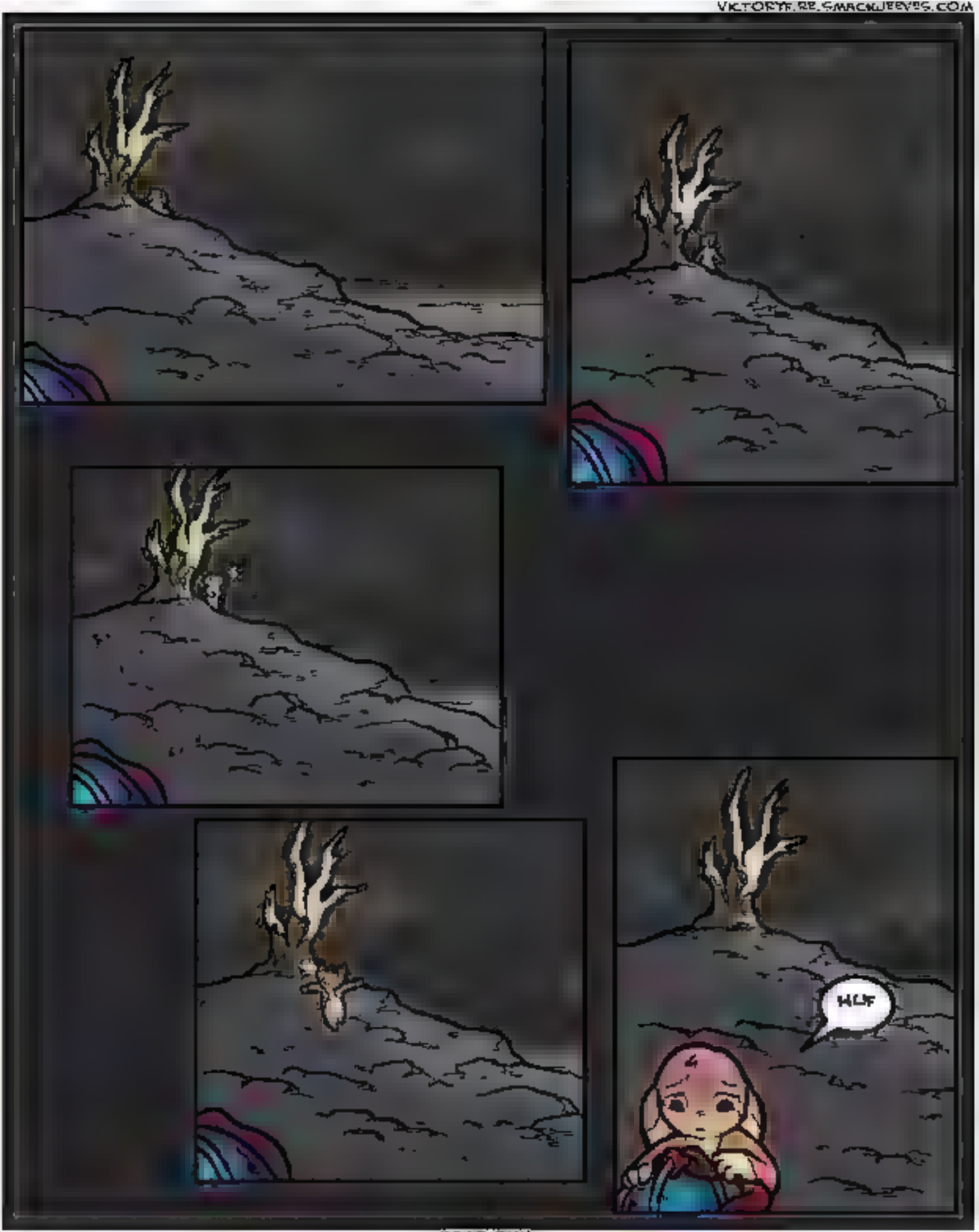

THE PLAN IS TO KEEP MOVING TOWARDS THE BURIED RELIC AS LONG AS WE CAN
STAY TOGETHER AND HELP EACH OTHER--THOUGH I HARDLY NEED TO SAY THAT
I DUNNO ANYTHING TO ADD
THAT'S ALL OF IT, I GUESS

WILL WE SPEAK ON THE WAY?
IS STILL BE SURVIVABLE


MEWTWO? YOU OKAY?

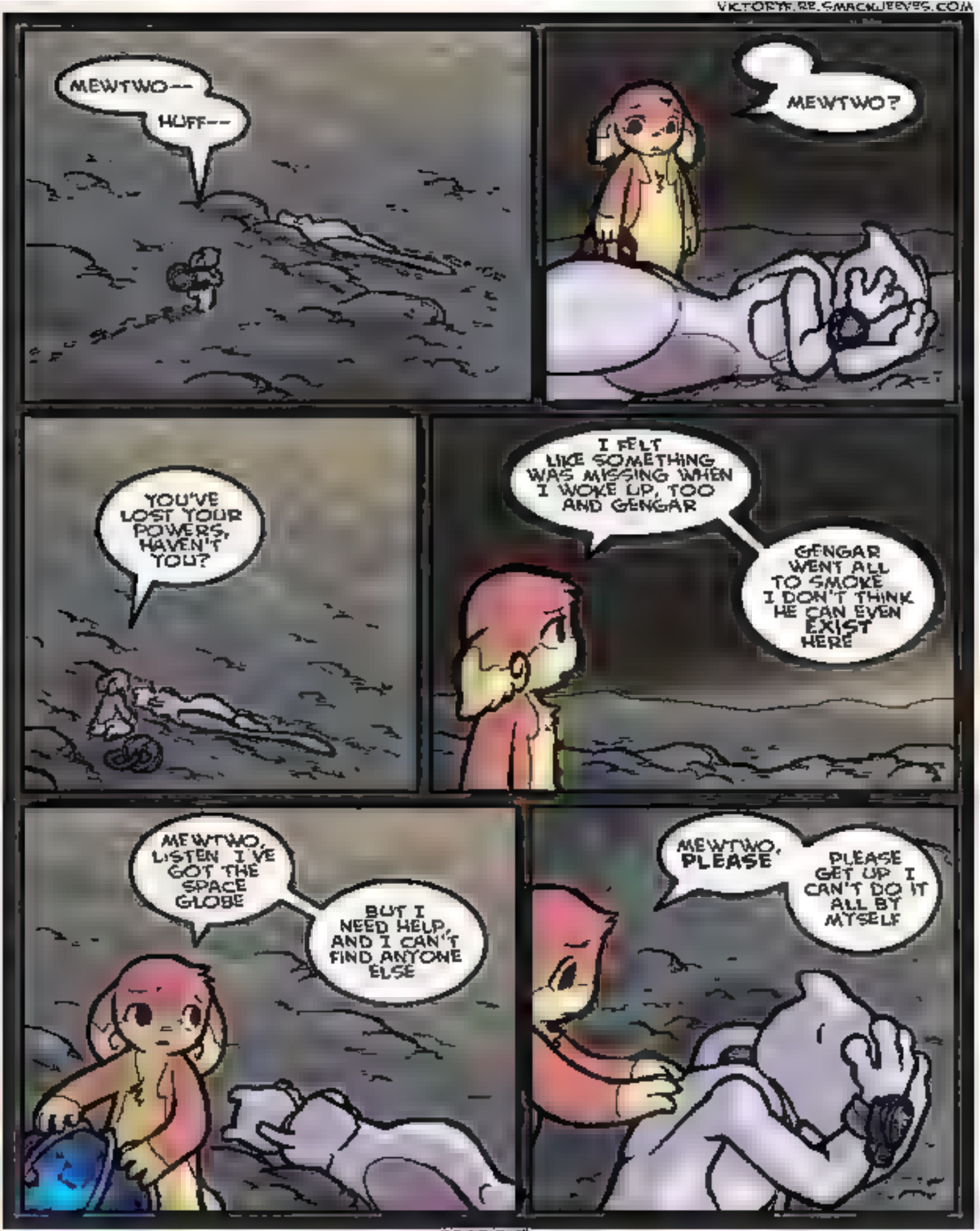
WUH--?
AAAA!
JEN!
I'M SO



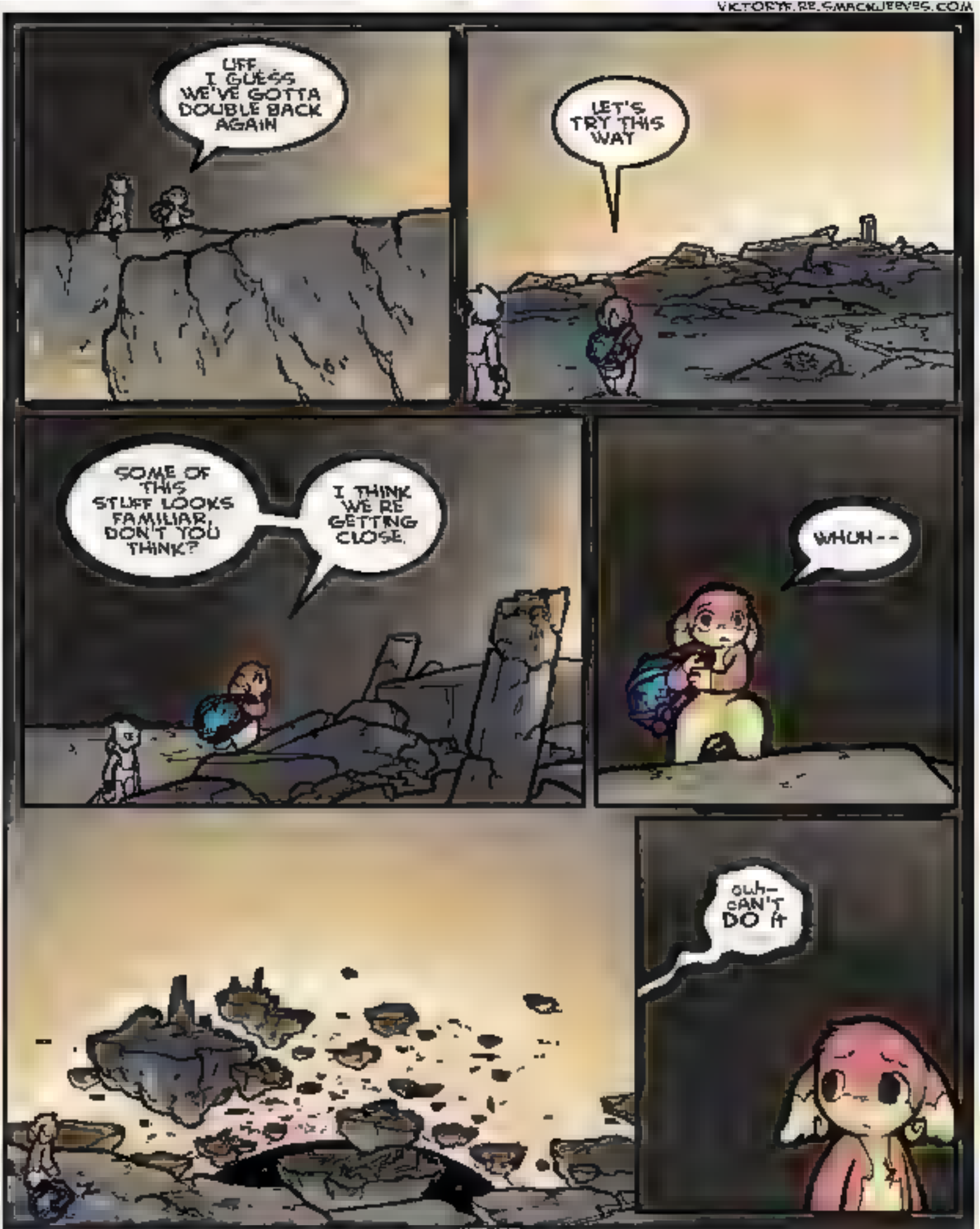

HLP

GENGAR?
LOPUNNY?
MEWTWO?
ANYONE?
HFF.
HFF.
HNF

HUFF
HUFF
WHEW
MEWTWO?

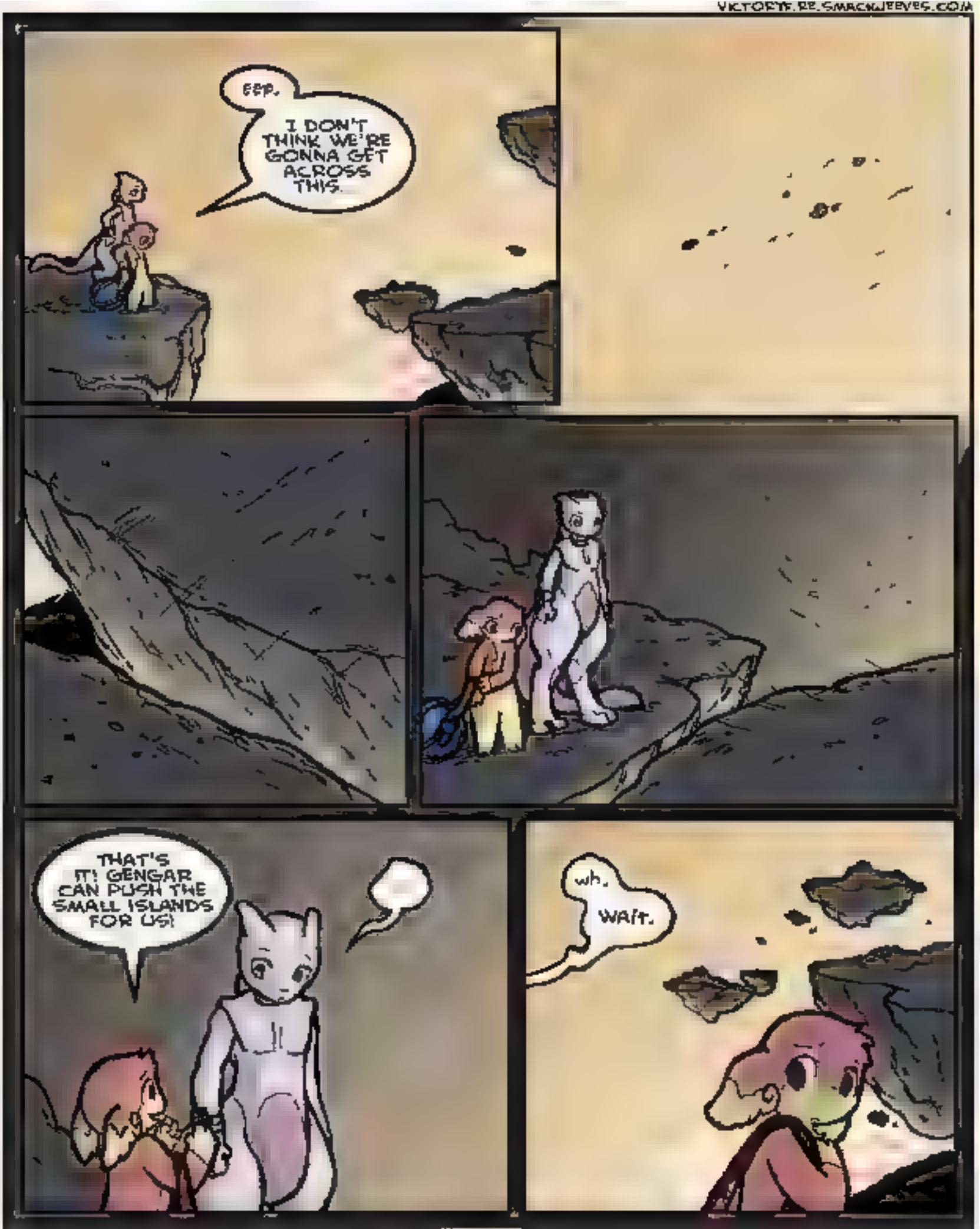

MEWTWO--
HUFF--
MEWTWO?
YOU'VE LOST YOUR POWERS, HAVEN'T YOU?
I FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS MISSING WHEN I WOKE UP, TOO AND GENGAR
GENGAR WENT ALL TO SMOKE I DON'T THINK HE CAN EVEN EXIST HERE
MEWTWO, LISTEN I'VE GOT THE SPACE GLOBE
BUT I NEED HELP, AND I CAN'T FIND ANYONE ELSE
MEWTWO, PLEASE
PLEASE GET UP I CAN'T DO IT ALL BY MYSELF

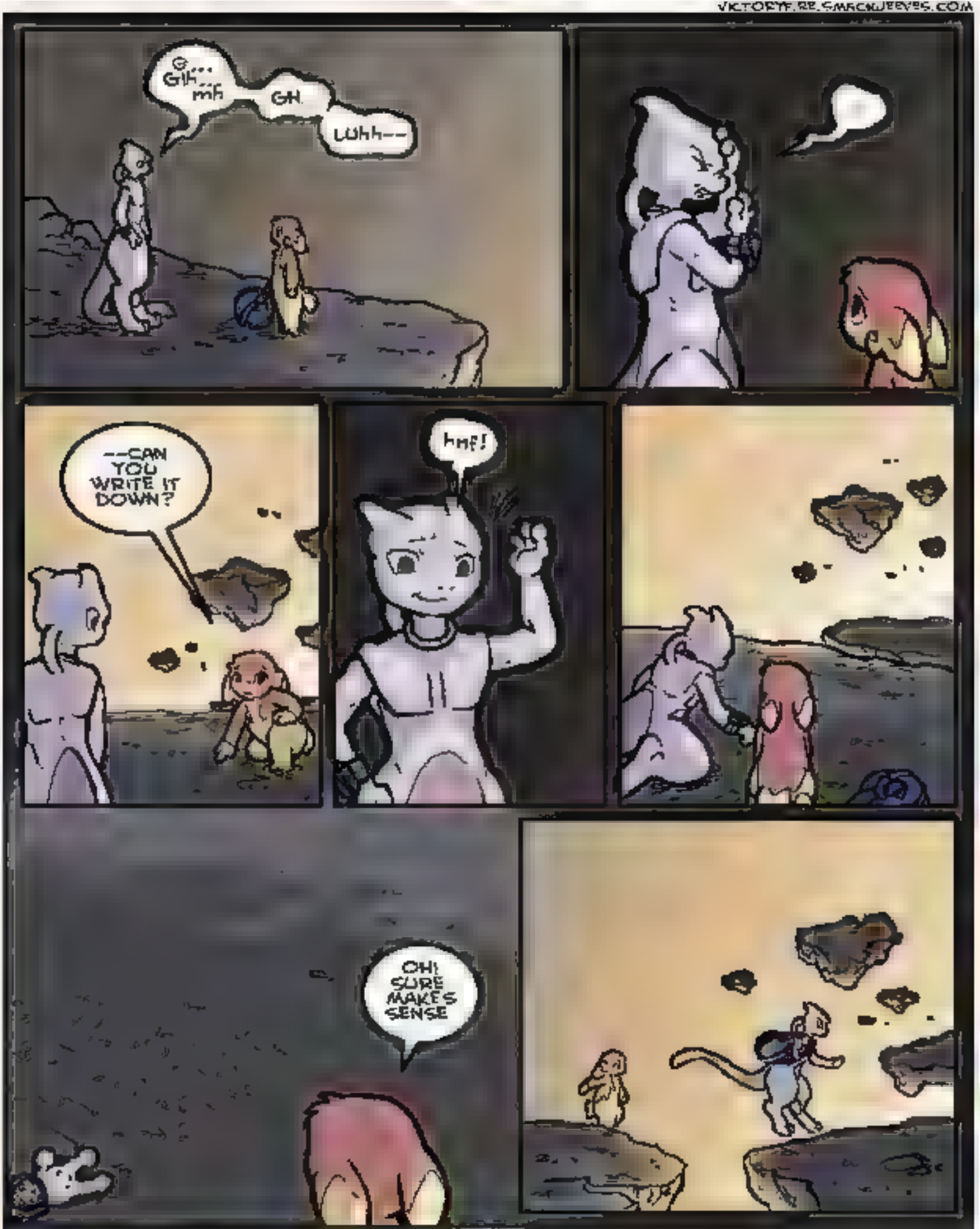
THANKS
WHERE'S THE BURIED RELIC?
WHICH WAY DO WE HAVE TO GO?
TOWARDS THE LIGHT? OKAY
OKAY, LET'S GO
MEWTWO? LET'S GO—
OUWP!
STEADY


UFF. I GUESS WE'VE GOTTA DOUBLE BACK AGAIN
LET'S TRY THIS WAY
SOME OF THIS STUFF LOOKS FAMILIAR, DON'T YOU THINK?
I THINK WE'RE GETTING CLOSE.
WHUH--
ouh- CAN'T DO it

c-can't DO it!
DEAF, Blind, n-numb HEAD FFULL OF ssilence
HHHOW CAN YOU BEAR IT?
Can't dO IT
aa-a.
uh.
GENGAR?
MEWTWO?
--
MEWTWO!
GENGAR'S STILL HERE

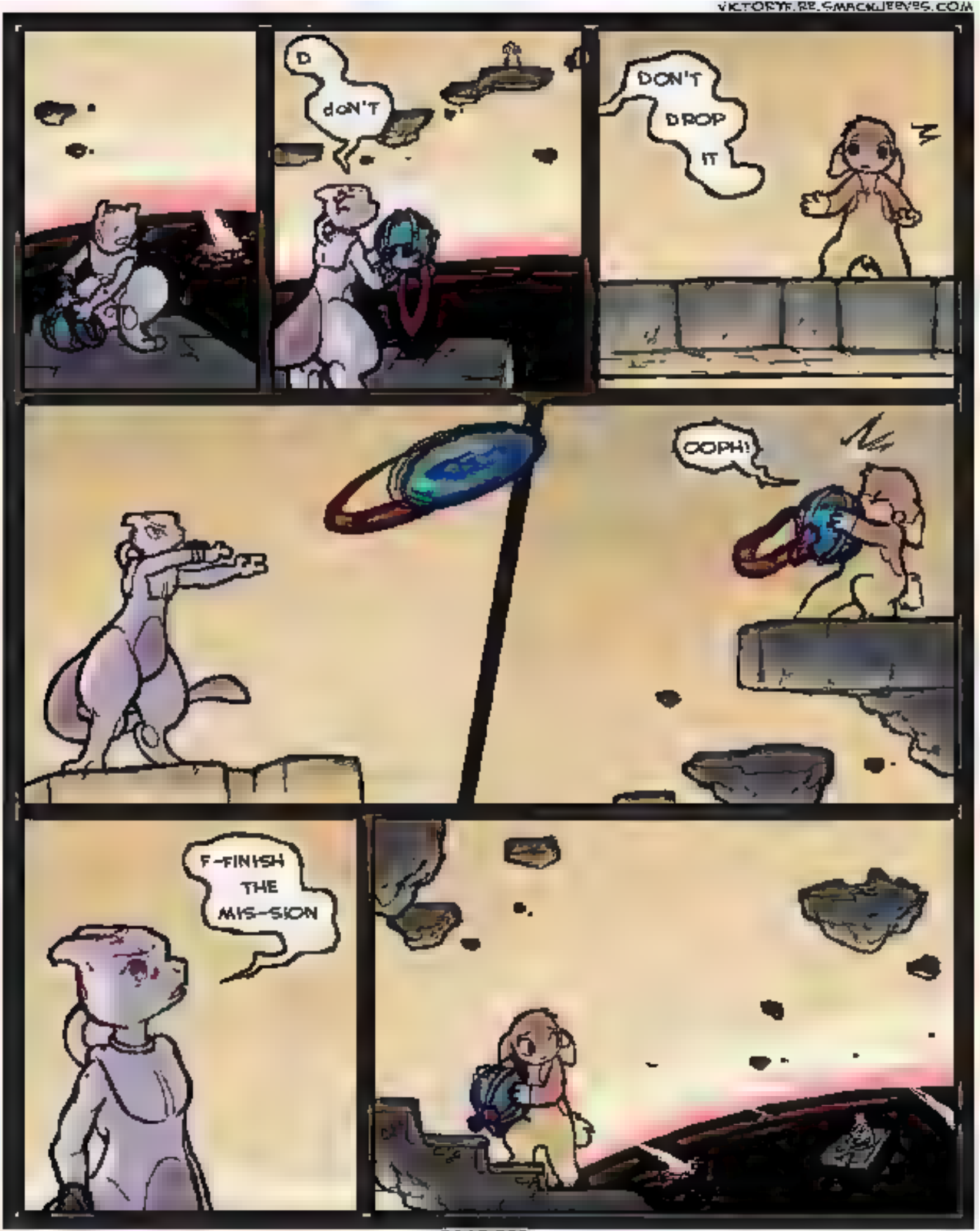
MEWTWO
ISN'T THAT
F-FINish THE Mis-SION


EEP.
I DON'T THINK WE'RE GONNA GET ACROSS THIS.
THAT'S IT! GENGAR CAN PUSH THE SMALL ISLANDS FOR US!
wh.
WAIT.


Gh...
Gih...
mh
Gh
Uhh--
--CAN YOU WRITE IT DOWN?
hmf!
OH! SURE MAKES SENSE

KRRRH
S-
soh-rRY
O-KEH?
Y-YEAH
I'M
OKAY
HUF
--LOOK
OUT!

GENGAR HELP HIM---!
gaAKH-
huf...
huf...
aa-a...
nn.


D
dON'T
DON'T
DROP
IT
OOPH!
F-FINISH
THE
MIS-SION

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NEARLY THERE, GENGAR
WHEW
HEY, GENGAR?
THE AIR'S NOT MOVING AT ALL.
I GUESS EVEN YOU CAN'T COME THIS CLOSE, THEN
OKAY I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS LAST BIT BY MYSELF
DOESN'T LOOK TOO HARD
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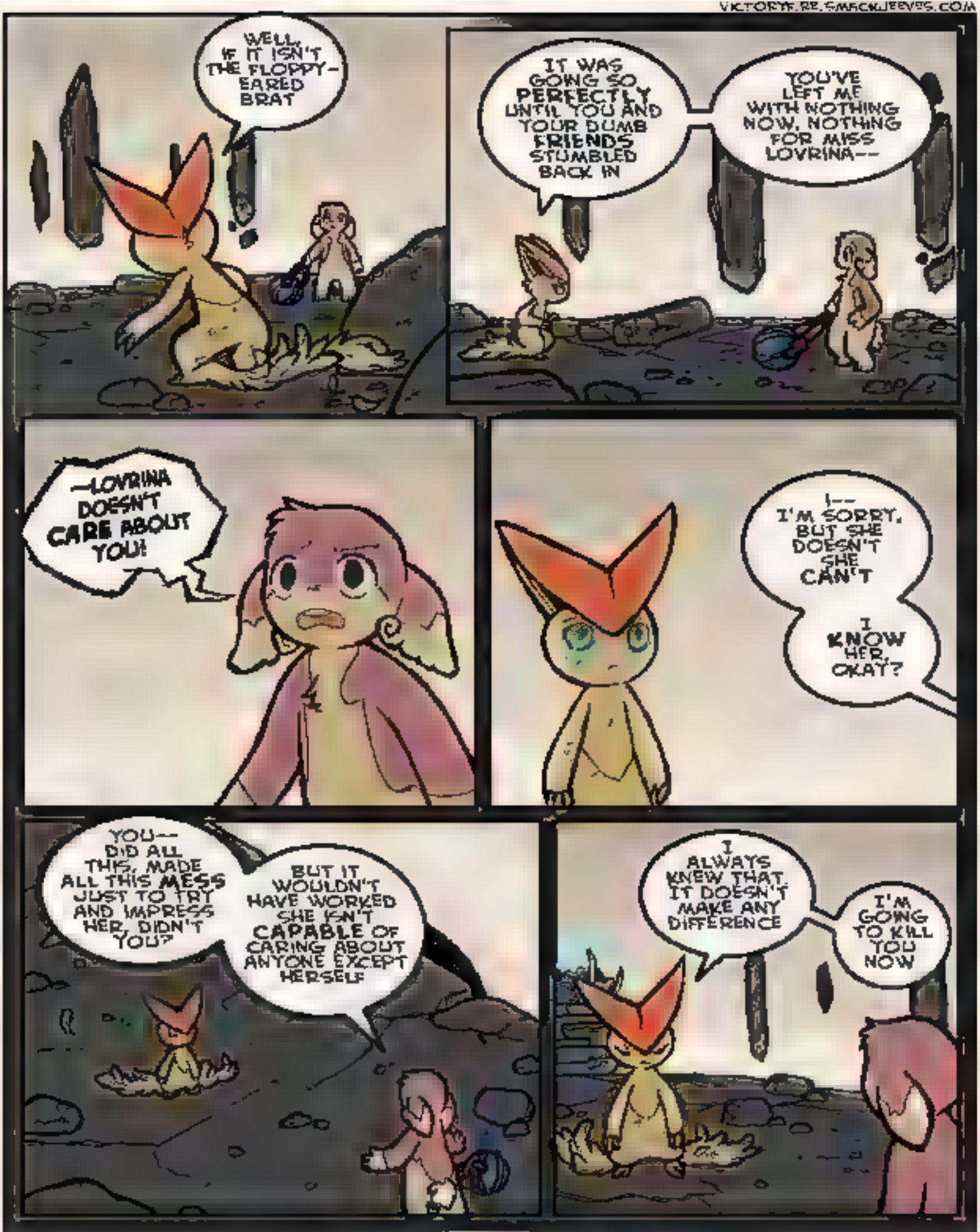

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE FLOPPY-EARED BRAT
IT WAS GOING SO PERFECTLY UNTIL YOU AND YOUR DUMB FRIENDS STUMBLED BACK IN
YOU'VE LEFT ME WITH NOTHING NOW, NOTHING FOR MISS LOVRINA--
--LOVRINA DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOU!
!-- I'M SORRY, BUT SHE DOESN'T SHE CAN'T
I KNOW HER, OKAY?
YOU-- DID ALL THIS, MADE ALL THIS MESS JUST TO TRY AND IMPRESS HER, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED SHE ISN'T CAPABLE OF CARING ABOUT ANYONE EXCEPT HERSELF
I ALWAYS KNEW THAT. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU NOW

YOU'RE NOT FLYING OR MAKING FIRE.
YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU?
JUST LIKE MEWTWO... YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS HERE
WON'T NEED 'EM FOR YOU
COME AND TRY, THEN

RRAUH-!
nh!
VICTINI, LISTEN--
I'M STRONGER-- HEAVIER THAN YOU--
YOU CAN'T WIN LIKE THIS.
VICTINI, LISTEN TO ME YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP HURTING, OKAY?
WE'RE HELPING DARKRAI
WE CAN HELP YOU TOO, IF YOU JUST GIVE US A CHANCE

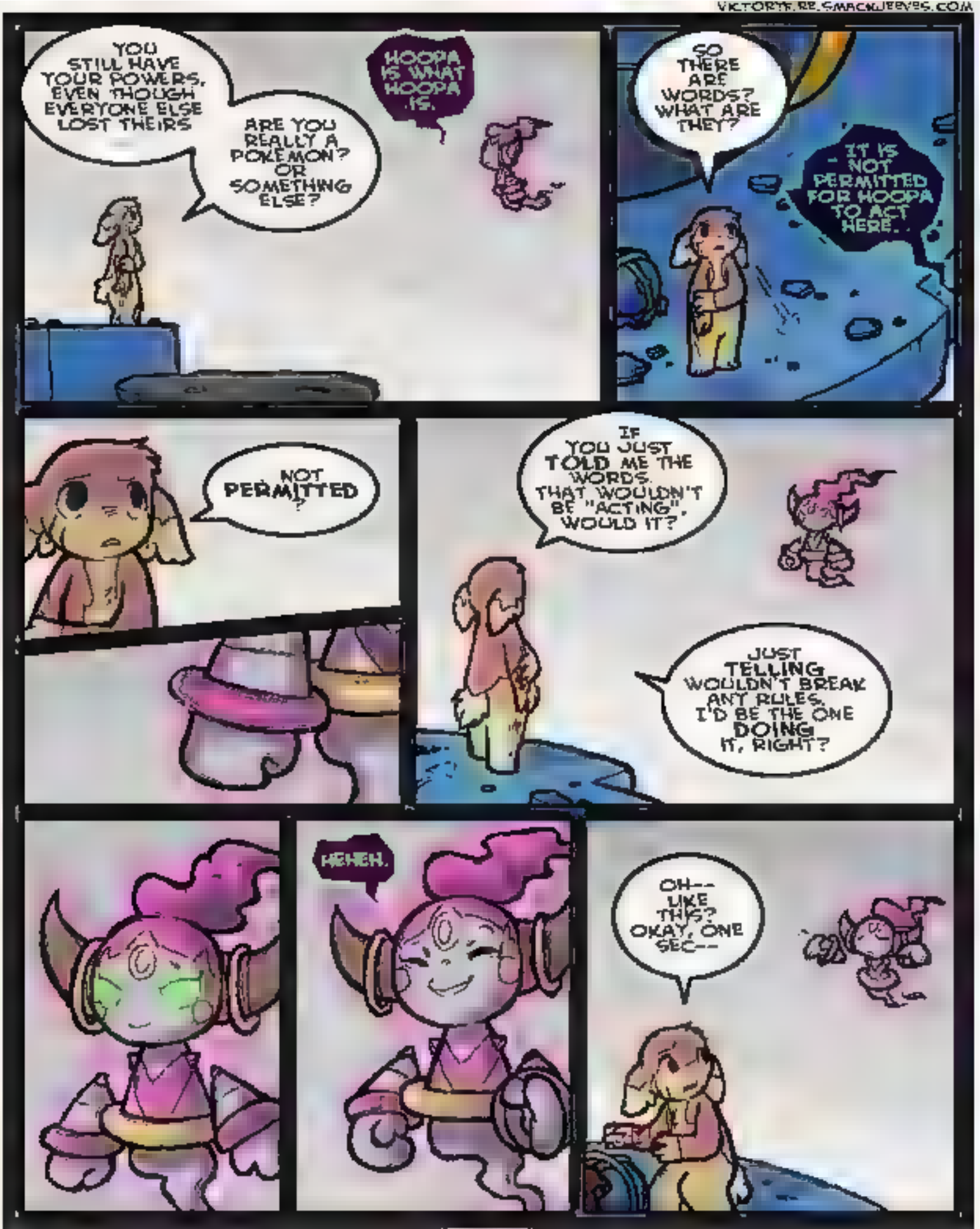
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WANT TO BE "HELPED"?
STOP-!

AAA-!
HFF-
HFF
UFF

AH!
JUST HOLD ON-- I'LL PULL YOU UP--
STOP!
OW!
WHAT ARE YOU-- DOING
YOU-- FALL-- WITH-- ME--
AAUH!
NN--
AAHUH --

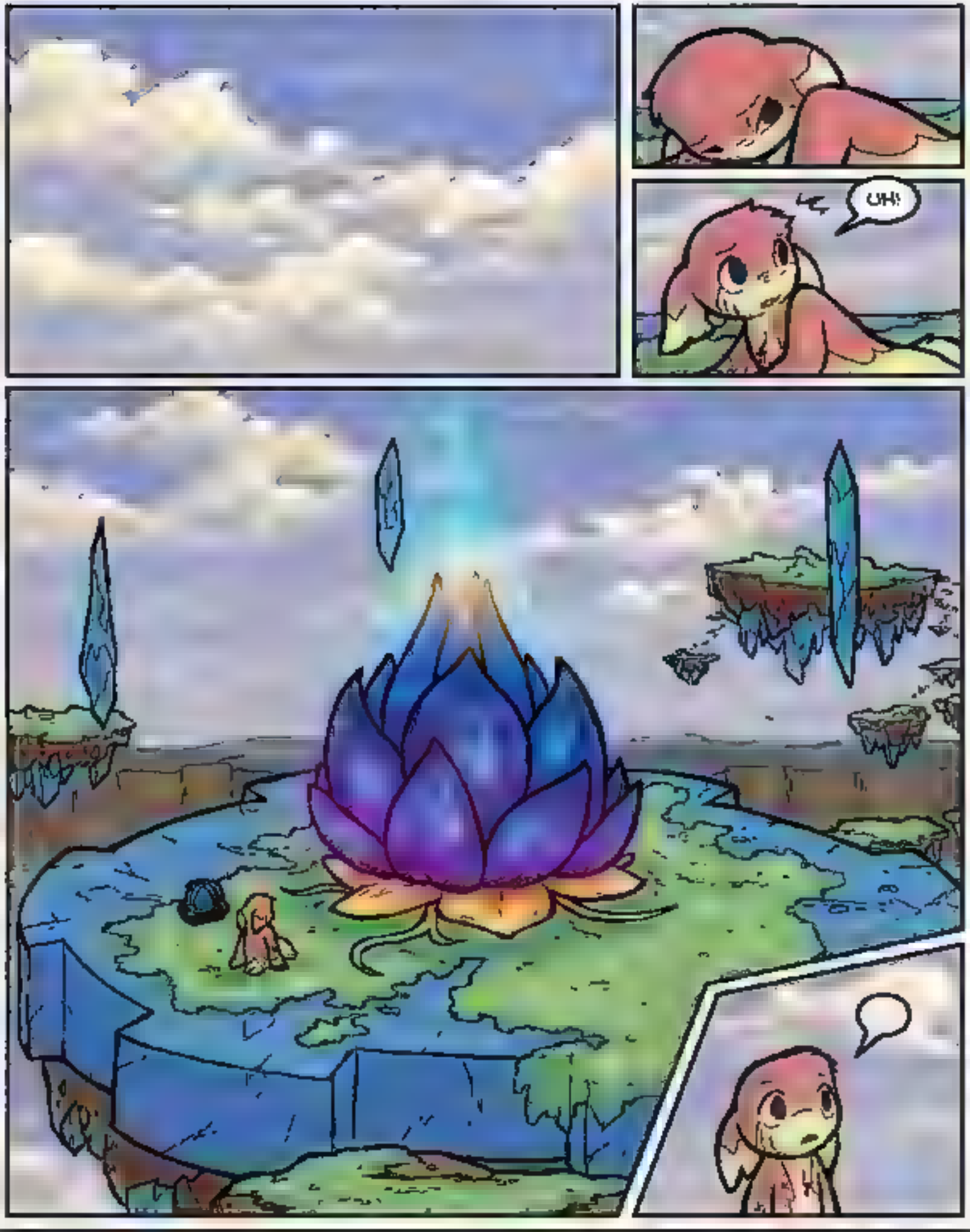
"FINISH THE MISSION"
HFF-F

NNF
HUHH
HUHH
OKAY
I'M HERE
I DID IT. I GOT HERE
HOW DO I MAKE YOU WORK?
HH
THE WORDS HAVE NOT BEEN SPOKEN.
AAA!


YOU STILL HAVE YOUR POWERS, EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE ELSE LOST THEIRS
ARE YOU REALLY A POKEMON? OR SOMETHING ELSE?
HOOPA IS WHAT HOOPA IS.
SO THERE ARE WORDS? WHAT ARE THEY?
IT IS NOT PERMITTED FOR HOOPA TO ACT HERE.
NOT PERMITTED?
IF YOU JUST TOLD ME THE WORDS. THAT WOULDN'T BE "ACTING", WOULD IT?
JUST TELLING WOULDN'T BREAK ANY RULES. I'D BE THE ONE DOING IT, RIGHT?
HEHEH.
OH-- LIKE THIS? OKAY, ONE SEC--

COULD
COULD I HAVE IT AGAIN, A BIT SLOWER?
SORRY

VICTORYF.RE.SMACKJEEVES.COM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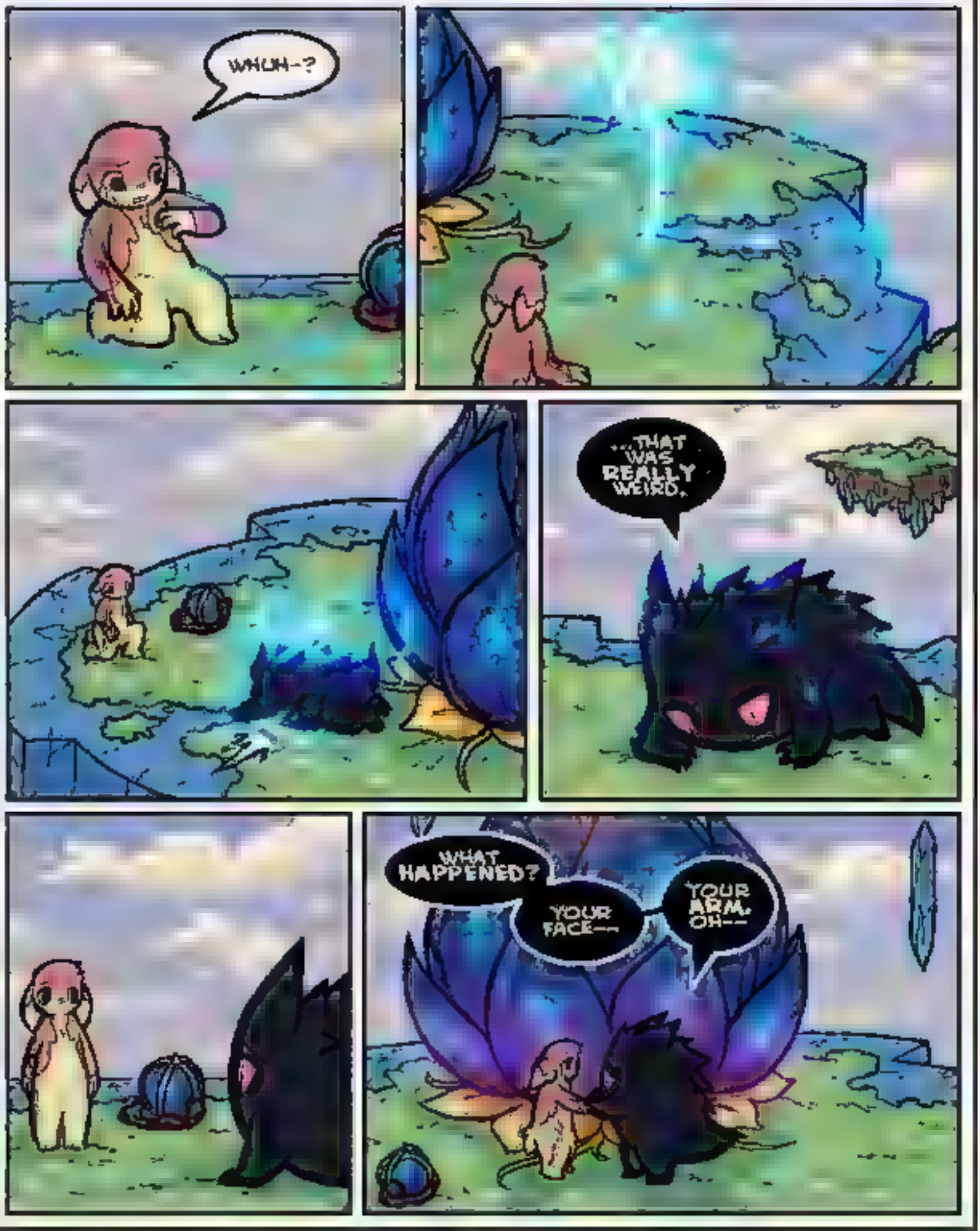
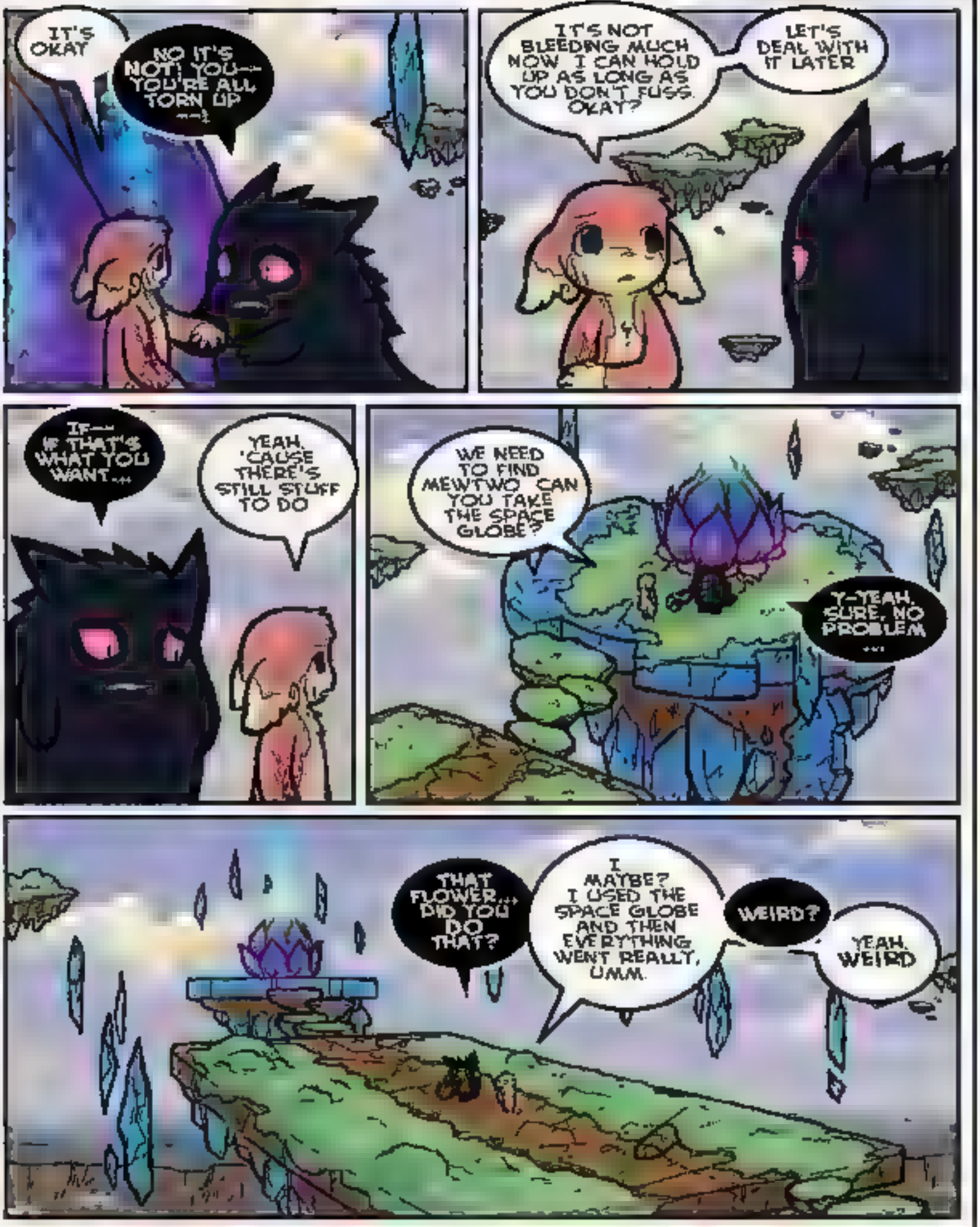
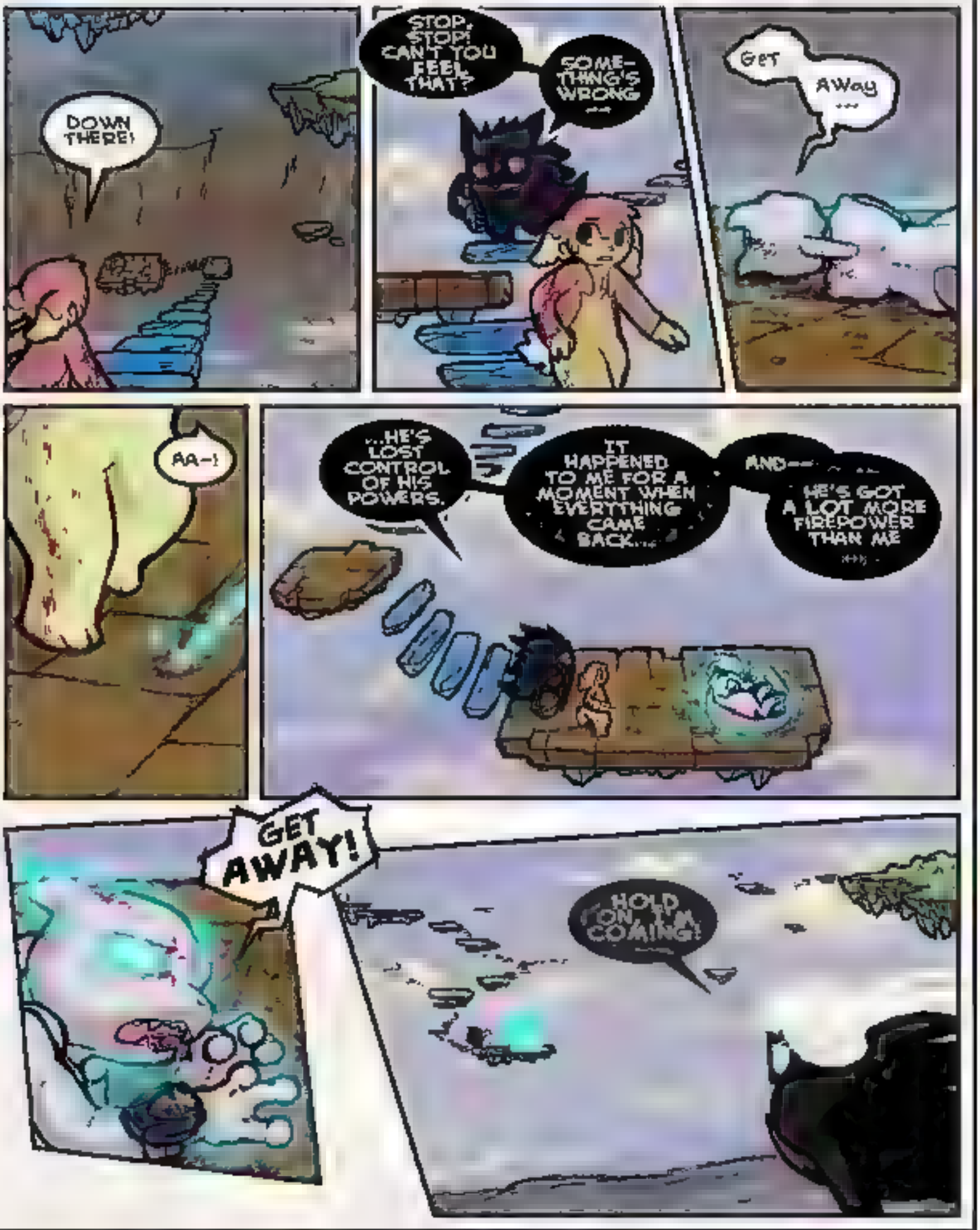
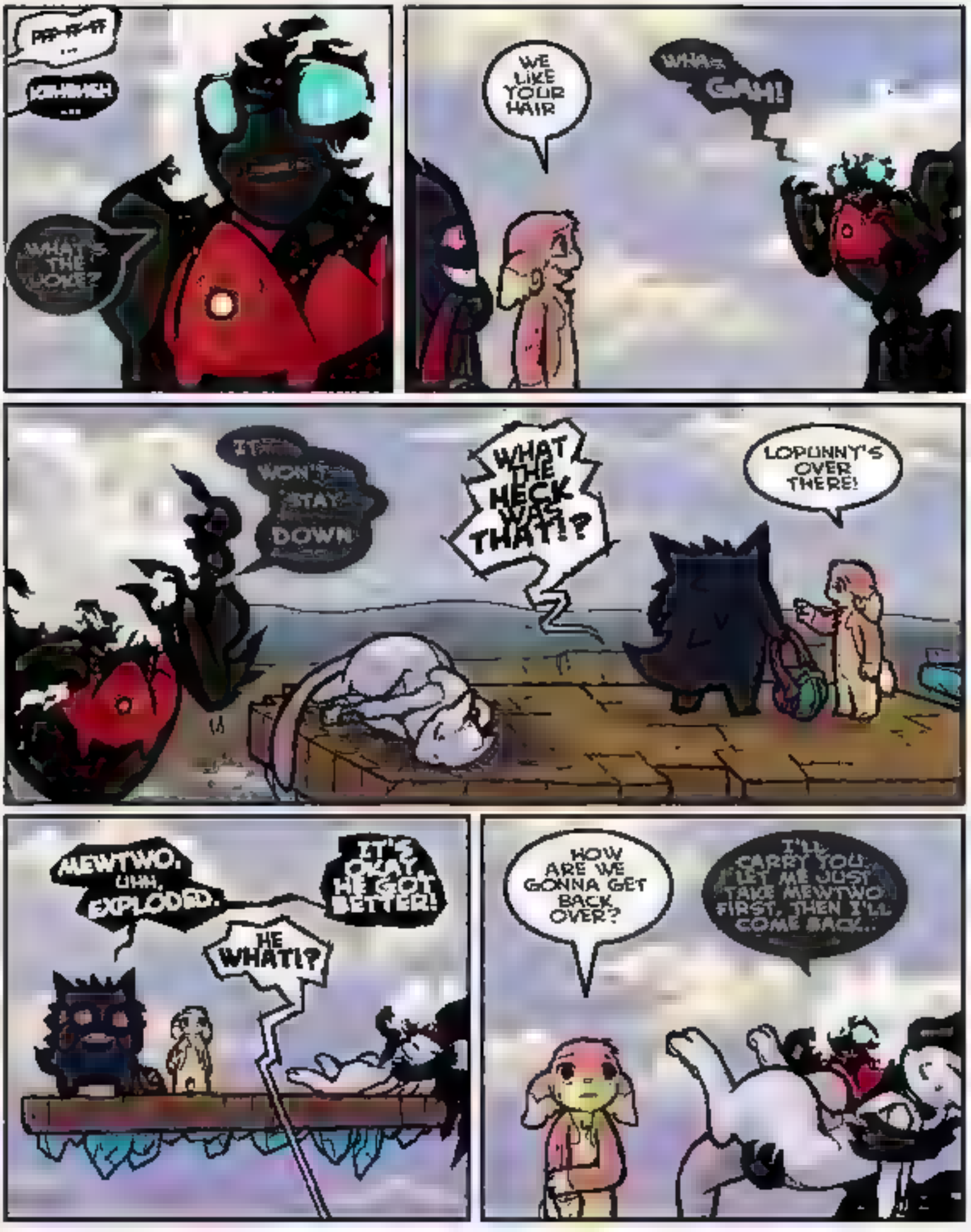

WHUH-?
...THAT WAS REALLY WEIRD.
WHAT HAPPENED?
YOUR FACE--
YOUR ARM. OH--

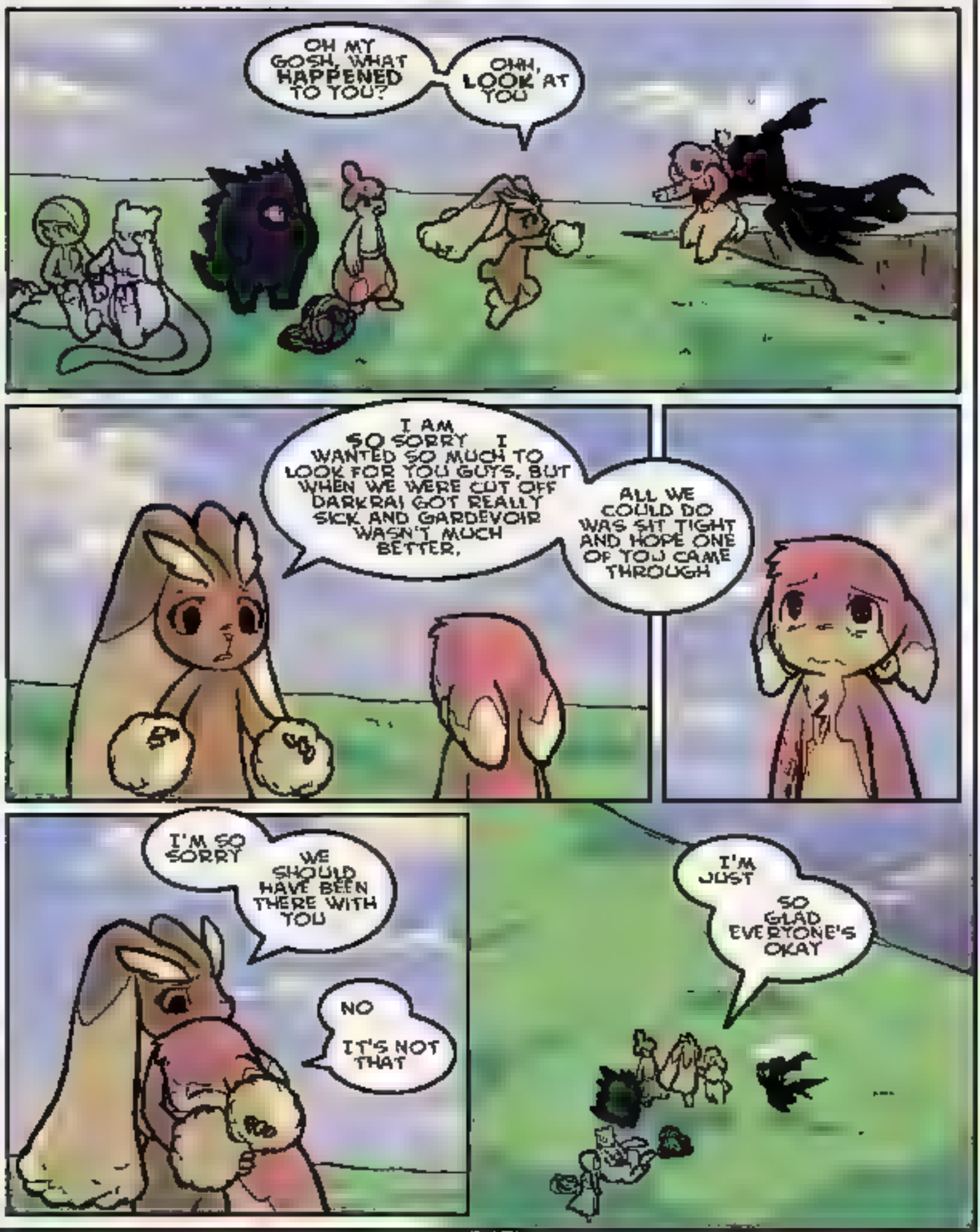

IT'S OKAY
NO IT'S NOT! YOU— YOU'RE ALL TORN UP —;
IT'S NOT BLEEDING MUCH NOW I CAN HOLD UP AS LONG AS YOU DON'T FUSS. OKAY?
LET'S DEAL WITH IT LATER
IF— IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
YEAH. 'CAUSE THERE'S STILL STUFF TO DO
WE NEED TO FIND MEWTWO CAN YOU TAKE THE SPACE GLOBE?
Y-YEAH. SURE. NO PROBLEM ...
THAT FLOWER... DID YOU DO THAT?
I MAYBE? I USED THE SPACE GLOBE AND THEN EVERYTHING WENT REALLY, UMM.
WEIRD?
YEAH. WEIRD

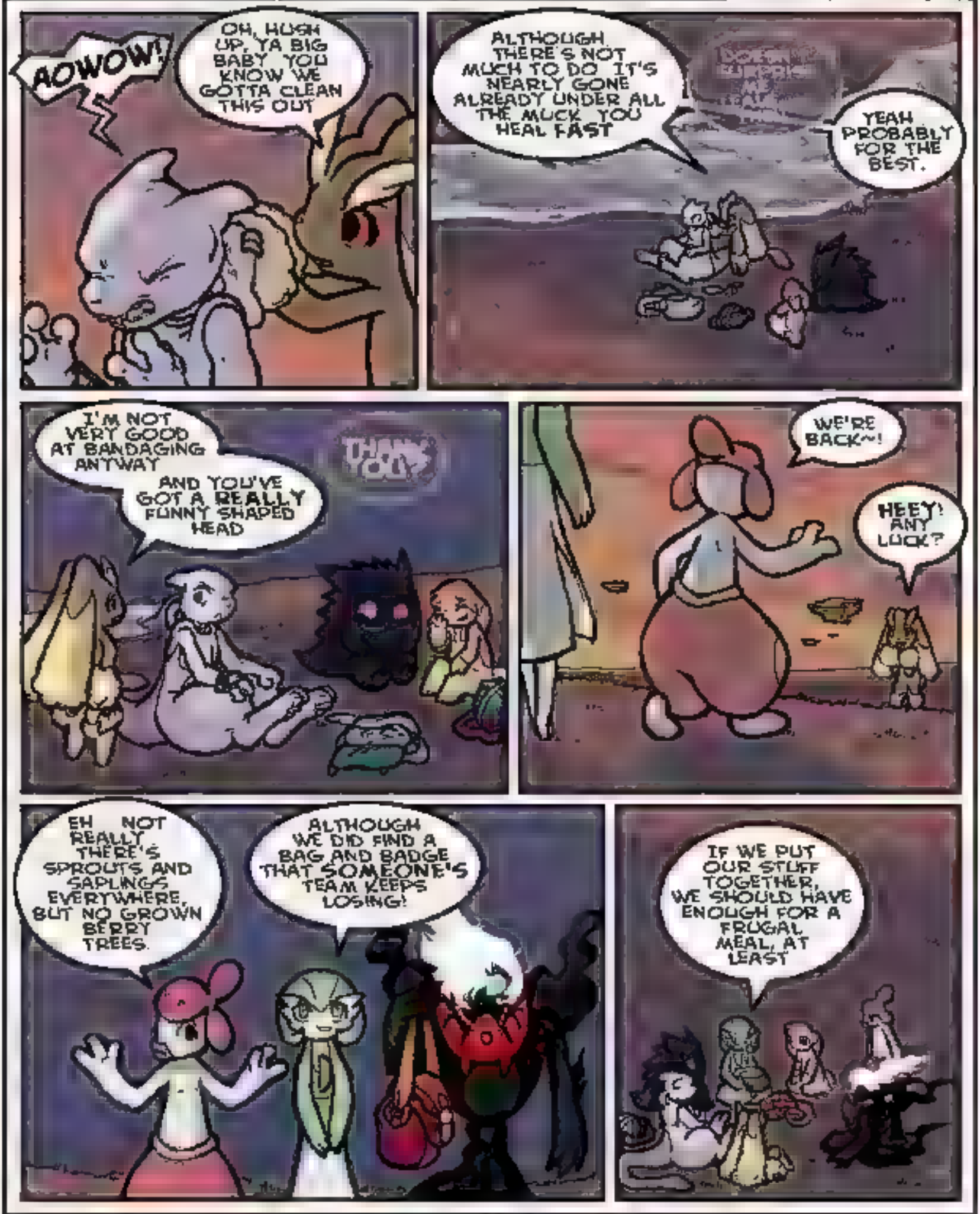

DOWN THERE!
STOP, STOP! CAN'T YOU FEEL THAT?
SOMETHING'S WRONG --
GET AWAY ...
AA-!
...HE'S LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWERS.
IT HAPPENED TO ME FOR A MOMENT WHEN EVERYTHING CAME BACK...
AND--
HE'S GOT A LOT MORE FIREPOWER THAN ME
GET AWAY!
HOLD ON I'M COMING!

HELP HIM!
GET THEM AWAY...
THAT'S TOO MUCH ENERGY. STOP OR IT'LL KILL YOU.
CAN'T LEAVE me, SAVE THEM
THAT'S NOT AN OPTION! GET BACK YOU TWO
OKAY, IT'S TOO MUCH TO CONTAIN SO... HIT ME WITH IT.
hunh!?
I'M DARK PSYCHIC ENERGY CAN'T HURT ME
th- THIS MUCH?
WE'RE OUT OF TIME! IF YOU WON'T DO IT WILLINGLY WE HAVE TO FORCE YOU.
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
huf.

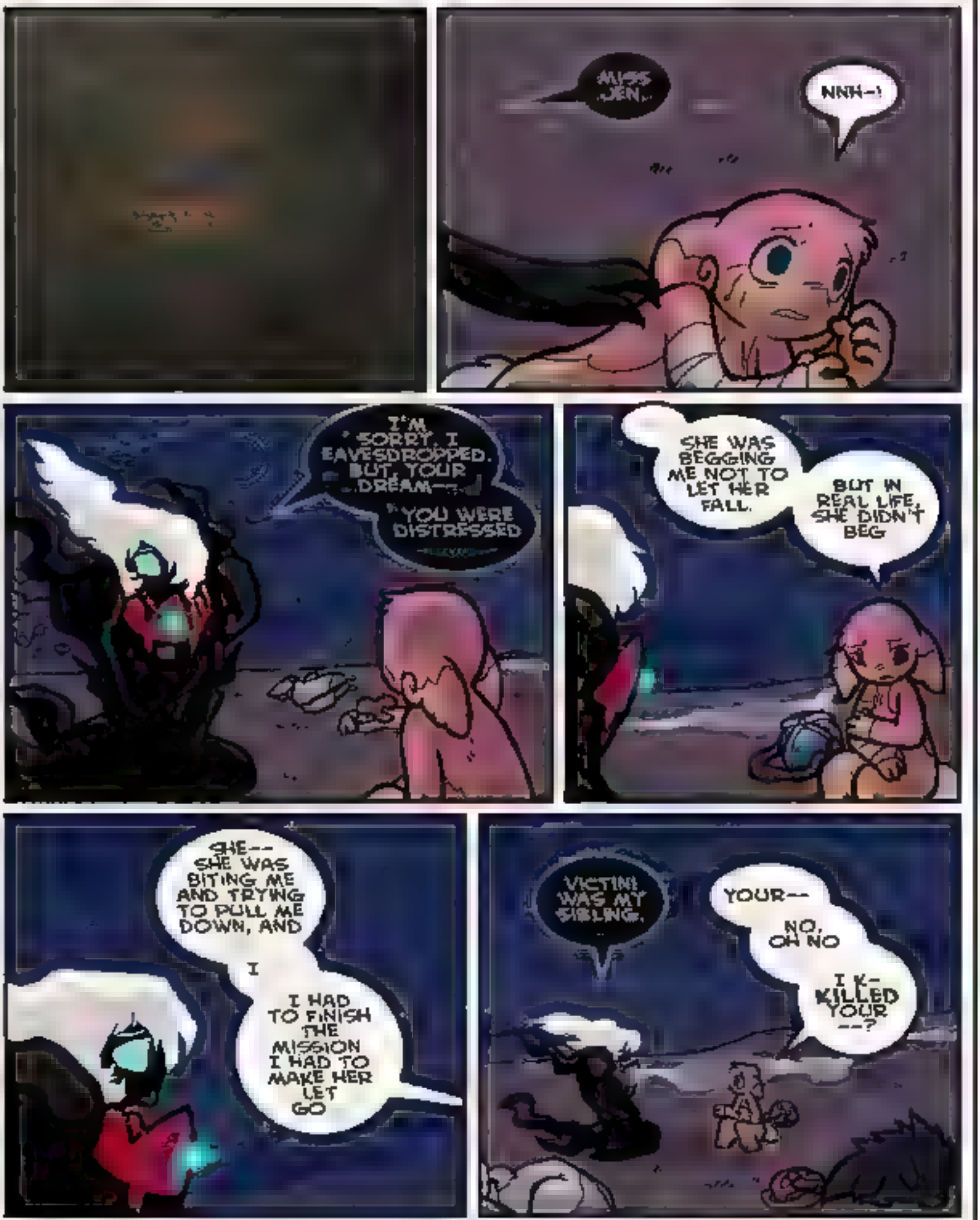
HOLY CRAP!
AHH!
GAAAA-
MEWTWO! ARE YOU OKAY?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
uhh...
hhuh...
whuff.


PP-P-PP...
KHHHHH...
WHAT'S THE JOKE?
WE LIKE YOUR HAIR
WHA-
GAH!
IT WON'T STAY DOWN
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT!?
LOPUNNY'S OVER THERE!
MEWTWO, UHH, EXPLODED.
IT'S OKAY HE GOT BETTER!
HE WHAT!?
HOW ARE WE GONNA GET BACK OVER?
I'LL CARRY YOU. LET ME JUST TAKE MEWTWO FIRST, THEN I'LL COME BACK...

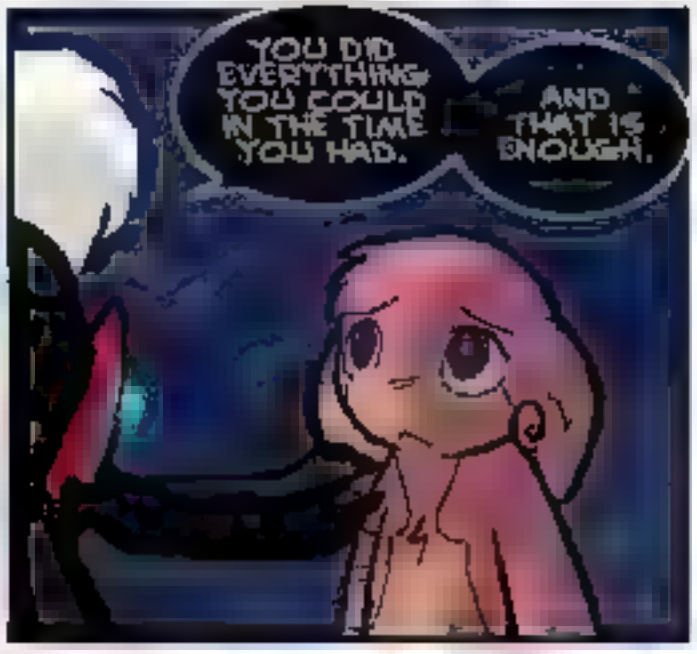

OH MY GOSH, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
OHH, LOOK AT YOU
I AM SO SORRY I WANTED SO MUCH TO LOOK FOR YOU GUYS, BUT WHEN WE WERE CUT OFF DARKRAI GOT REALLY SICK AND GARDEVOIR WASN'T MUCH BETTER.
ALL WE COULD DO WAS SIT TIGHT AND HOPE ONE OF YOU CAME THROUGH
I'M SO SORRY
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE WITH YOU
NO
IT'S NOT THAT
I'M JUST
SO GLAD EVERYONE'S OKAY


AOWOW!
OH, HUSH UP, YA BIG BABY. YOU KNOW WE GOTTA CLEAN THIS OUT
ALTHOUGH THERE'S NOT MUCH TO DO IT'S NEARLY GONE ALREADY UNDER ALL THE MUCK. YOU HEAL FAST
YEAH PROBABLY FOR THE BEST.
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT BANDAGING ANYWAY
AND YOU'VE GOT A REALLY FUNNY SHAPED HEAD
THANKS?
WE'RE BACK~!
HEEY! ANY LUCK?
EH NOT REALLY. THERE'S SPROUTS AND SAPLINGS EVERYWHERE, BUT NO GROWN BERRY TREES.
ALTHOUGH WE DID FIND A BAG AND BADGE THAT SOMEONE'S TEAM KEEPS LOSING!
IF WE PUT OUR STUFF TOGETHER, WE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH FOR A FRUGAL MEAL, AT LEAST

SO, I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D END UP FIXING EVERYTHING, BOSS KITTY. WHY DO YOU EVEN KEEP US ALL AROUND?
NOT REALLY... I DIDN'T DO MUCH...
SPEAKING OF WHICH... HOW DID YOU WORK OUT HOW TO USE THE PAC GLOVES? I WAS DREADING THAT PART!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL
HOOPA WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME WHAT TO DO
HOOPA HELPED YOU ALL RIGHT. WHAT DID HE ASK FOR IN RETURN?
THAT'S THE WEIRD PART-- NOTHING!
HNNH
GUYS, I'M GONNA TURN IN, I'M SUPER TIRED

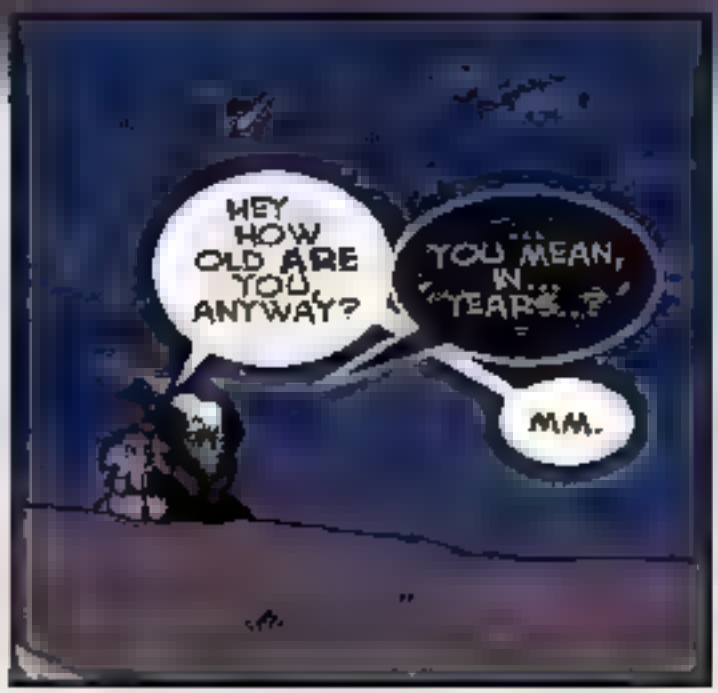

MISS JEN...
NNH-!
I'M SORRY, I EAVESDROPPED. BUT, YOUR DREAM--
YOU WERE DISTRESSED
SHE WAS BEGGING ME NOT TO LET HER FALL.
BUT IN REAL LIFE, SHE DIDN'T BEG
SHE-- SHE WAS BITING ME AND TRYING TO PULL ME DOWN, AND
I
I HAD TO FINISH THE MISSION I HAD TO MAKE HER LET GO
VICTIM WAS MY SIBLING.
YOUR--
NO, OH NO
I K- KILLED YOUR --?

MISS JEN, NO. I SAW YOUR DREAM--YOU TRIED SO HARD TO REACH HER--
I COULD HAVE TRIED HARDER --

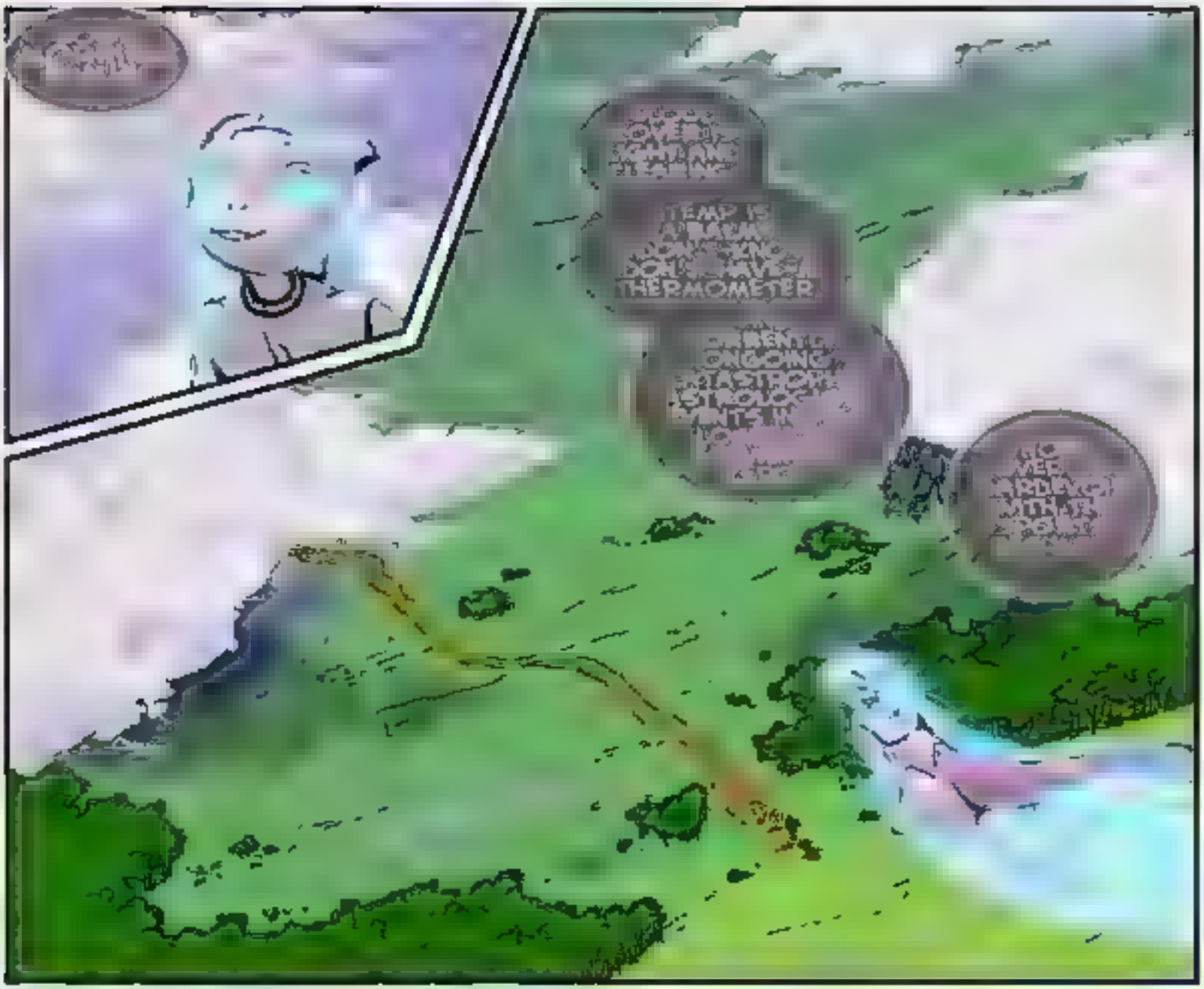

YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD IN THE TIME YOU HAD.
AND THAT IS ENOUGH.

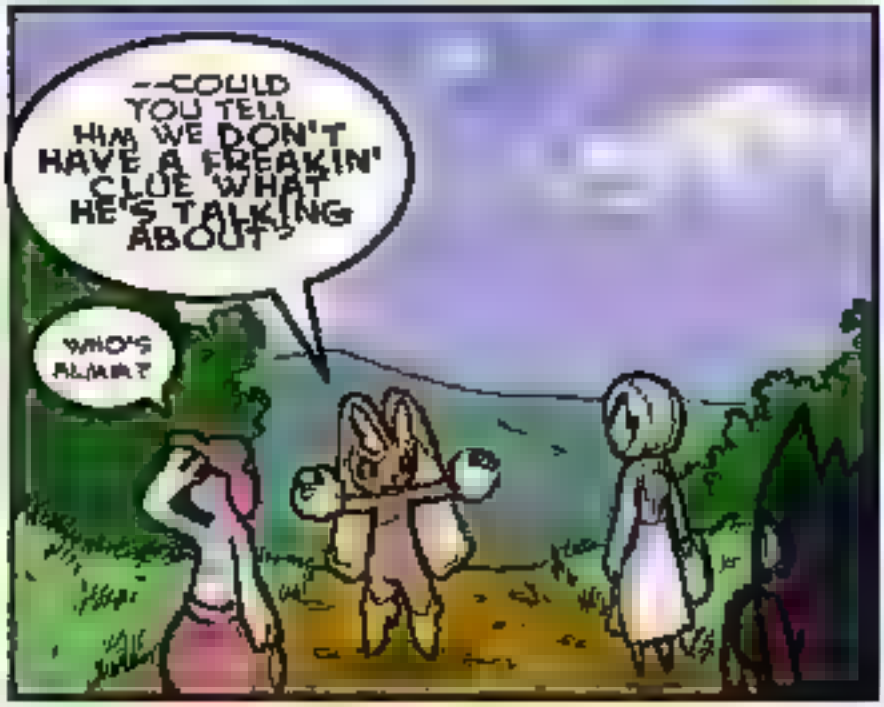
DARKRAI, I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO SLEEP YET
CAN WE JUST SIT FOR A BIT?
IF YOU WISH, MISS JEN.

AHEH "MISS JEN" YOU'RE ALWAYS SO POLITE TO PEOPLE
I SUPPOSE I'M A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED.

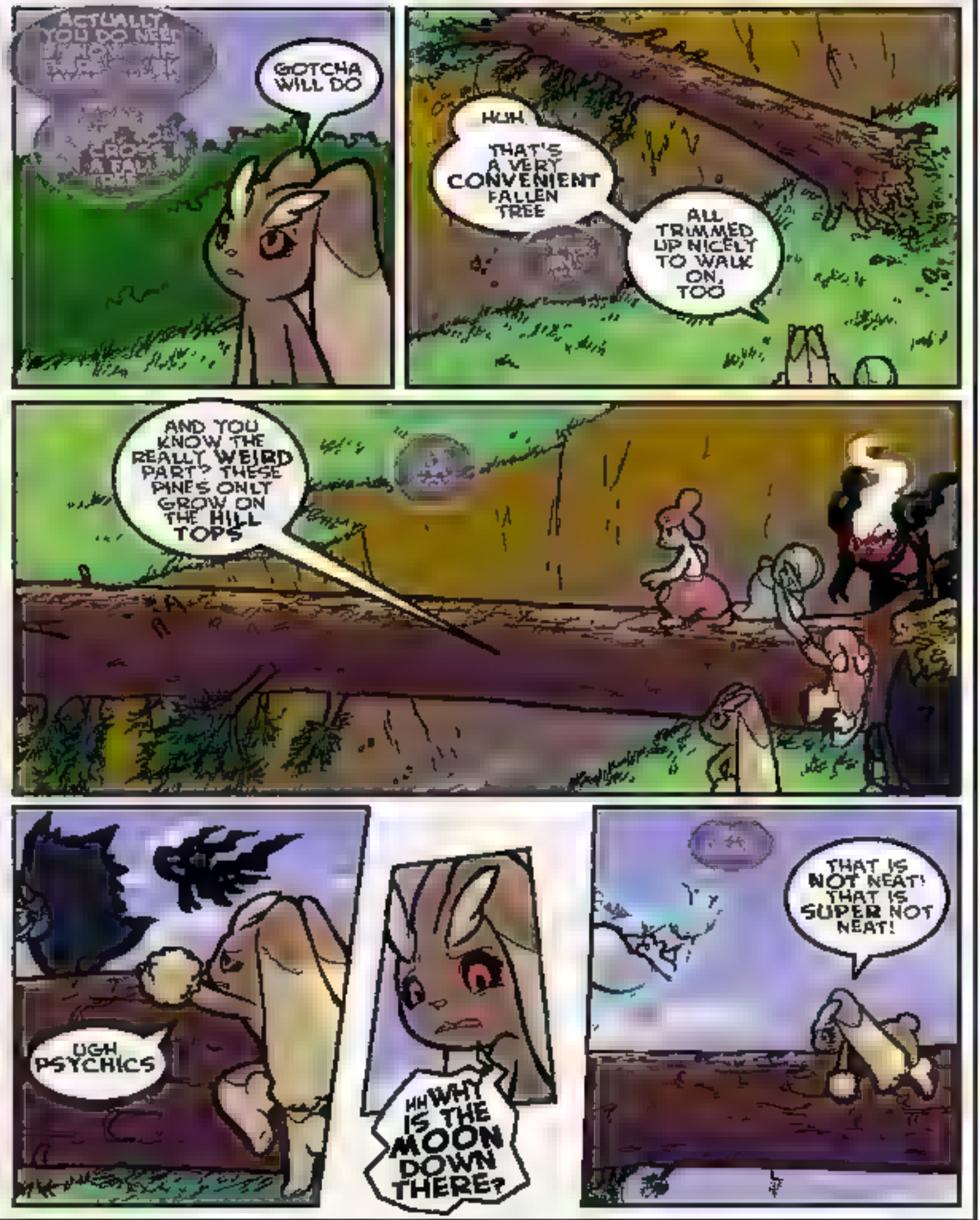

HEY HOW OLD ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
...YOU MEAN, IN... YEARS...?
MM.

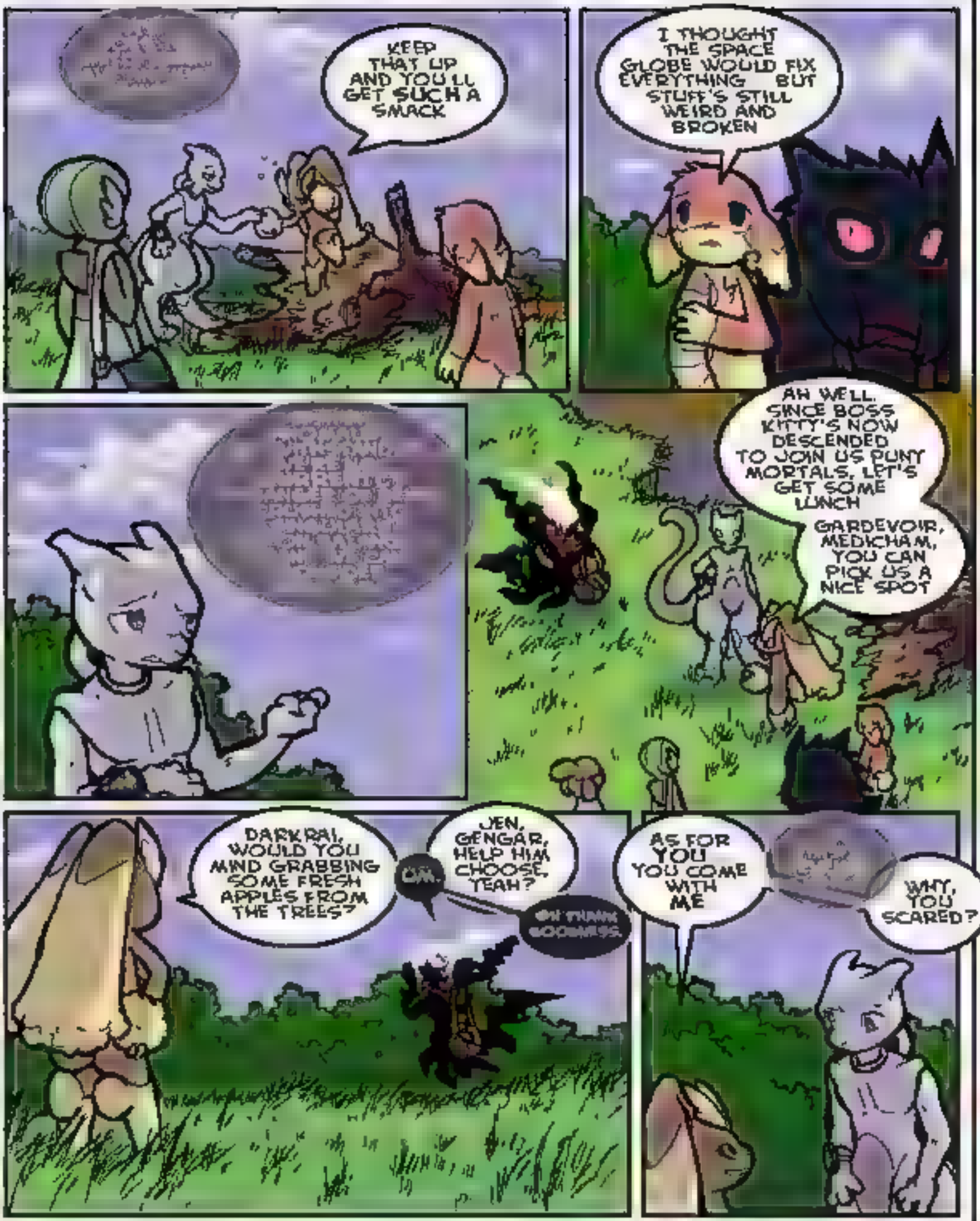
I'M SORRY-- I CAN'T SAY...
I WAS NEVER VERY GOOD WITH BIG NUMBERS.

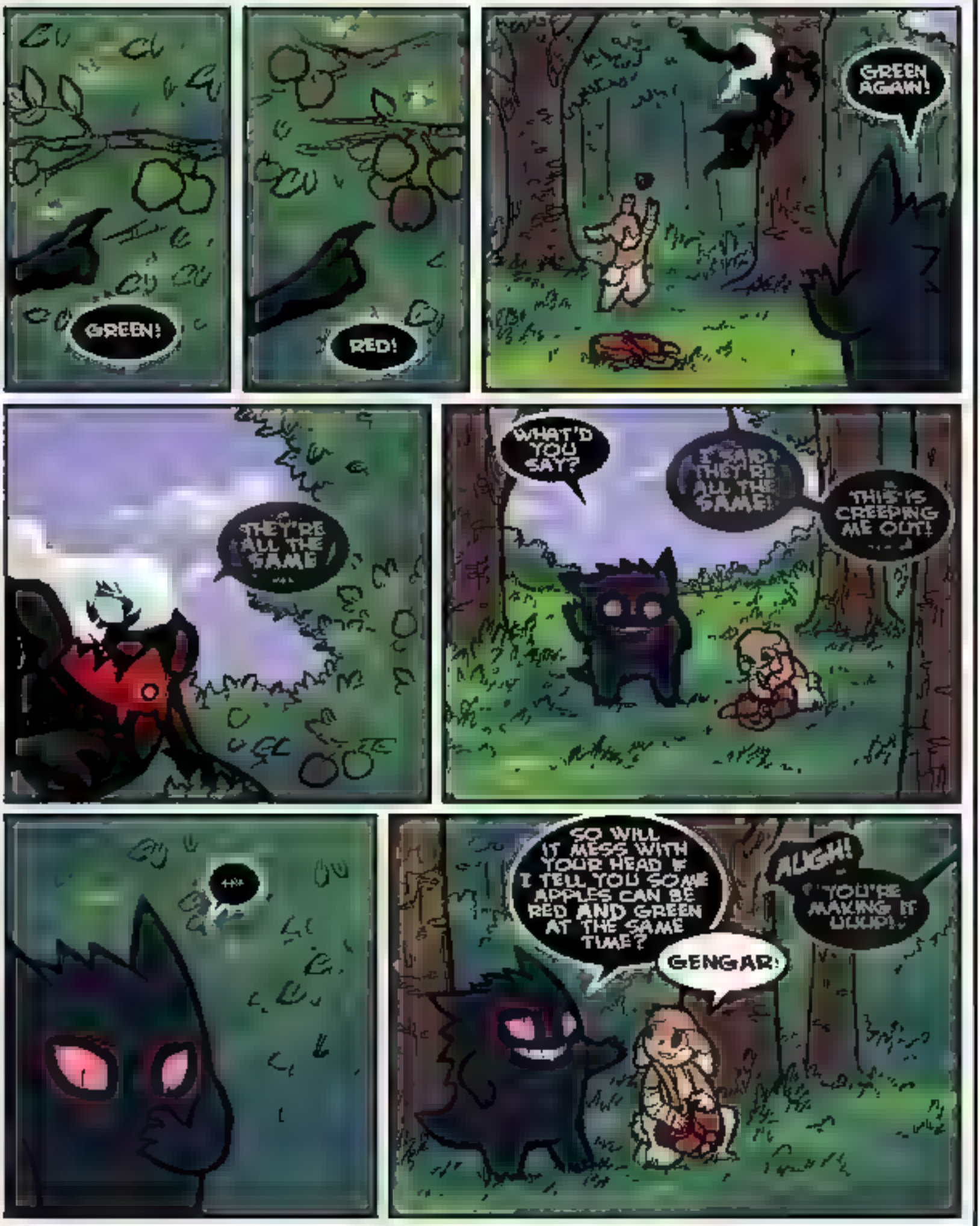

TEMP IS A FALSE INDICATION OF HAVE THERMOMETER

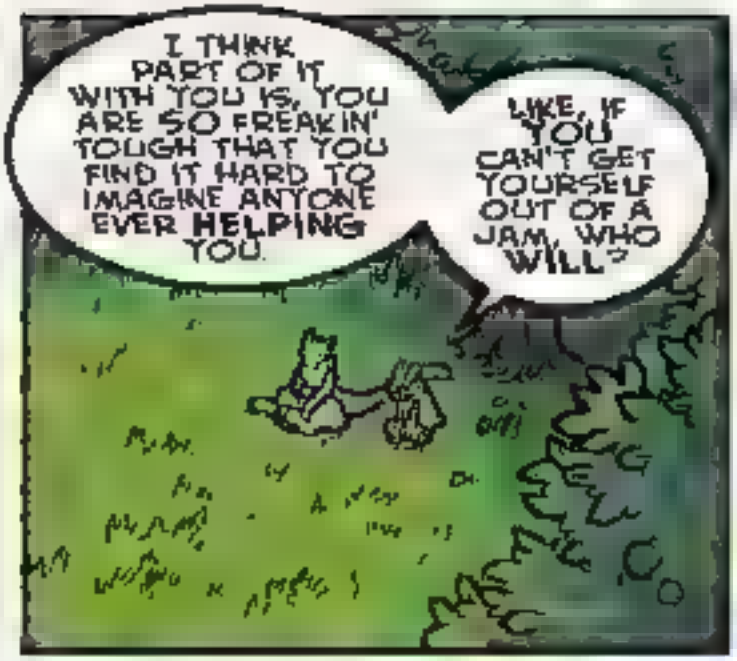

--COULD YOU TELL HIM WE DON'T HAVE A FREAKIN' CLUE WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT?
WHO'S ALMA?

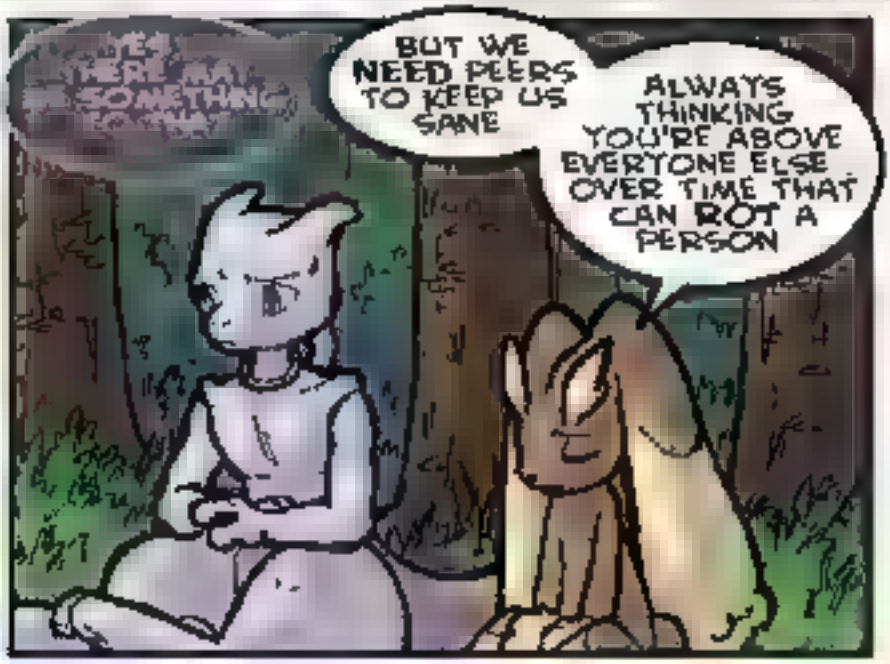
DIDN'T SLEEP SO WELL?
MMMWHI'M OHKAY

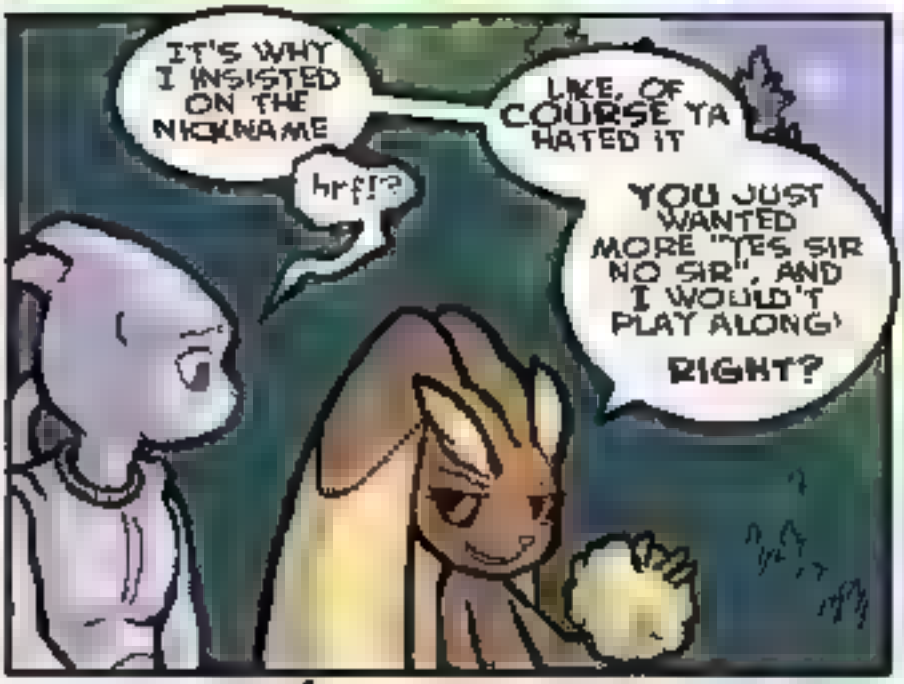

ACTUALLY YOU DO NEED
GOTCHA WILL DO
HUH
THAT'S A VERY CONVENIENT FALLEN TREE
ALL TRIMMED UP NICELY TO WALK ON, TOO
AND YOU KNOW THE REALLY WEIRD PART? THESE PINES ONLY GROW ON THE HILL TOPS
UGH PSYCHICS
HH WHY IS THE MOON DOWN THERE?
THAT IS NOT NEAT! THAT IS SUPER NOT NEAT!

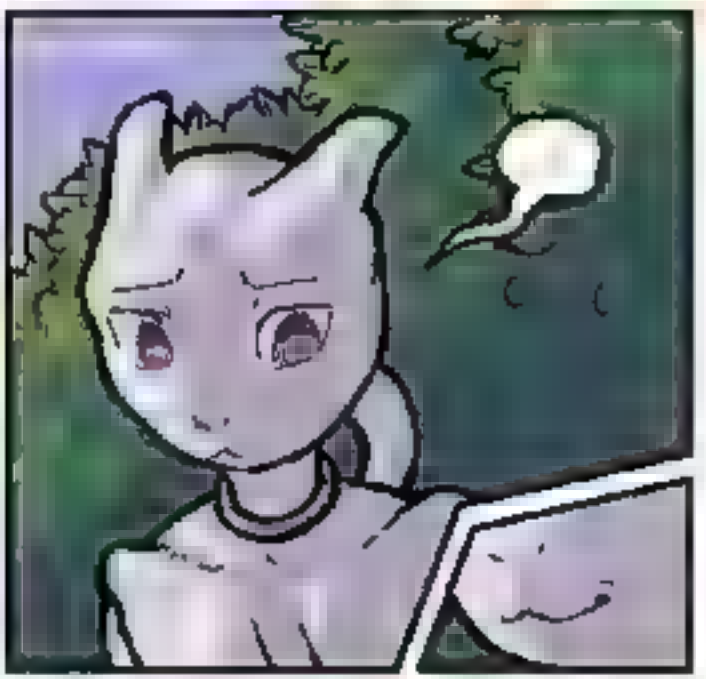

KEEP THAT UP AND YOU'LL GET SUCH A SMACK
I THOUGHT THE SPACE GLOBE WOULD FIX EVERYTHING BUT STUFF'S STILL WEIRD AND BROKEN
AH WELL. SINCE BOSS KITTY'S NOW DESCENDED TO JOIN US PUNY MORTALS, LET'S GET SOME LUNCH
GARDEVOIR, MEDICHAM, YOU CAN PICK US A NICE SPOT
DARKRAI, WOULD YOU MIND GRABBING SOME FRESH APPLES FROM THE TREES?
UM.
JEN, GENGAR, HELP HIM CHOOSE, YEAH?
OH THANK GODNESS
AS FOR YOU YOU COME WITH ME
WHY, YOU SCARED?

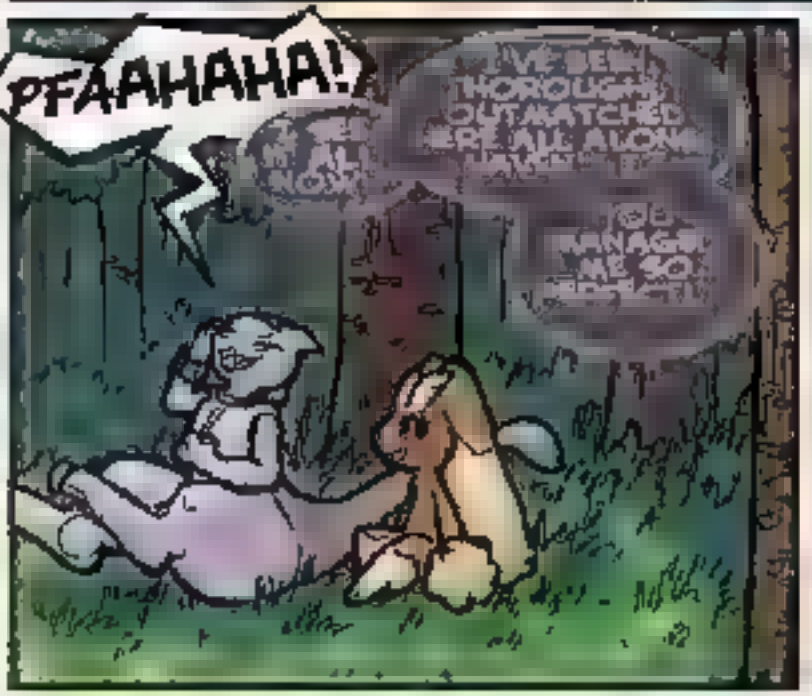

GREEN!
RED!
GREEN AGAIN!
THEY'RE ALL THE SAME
WHAT'D YOU SAY?
I SAID THEY'RE ALL THE SAME!
THIS IS CREEPING ME OUT!
SO WILL IT MESS WITH YOUR HEAD IF I TELL YOU SOME APPLES CAN BE RED AND GREEN AT THE SAME TIME?
GENGAR!
AUGH!
YOU'RE MAKING IT UUUP!

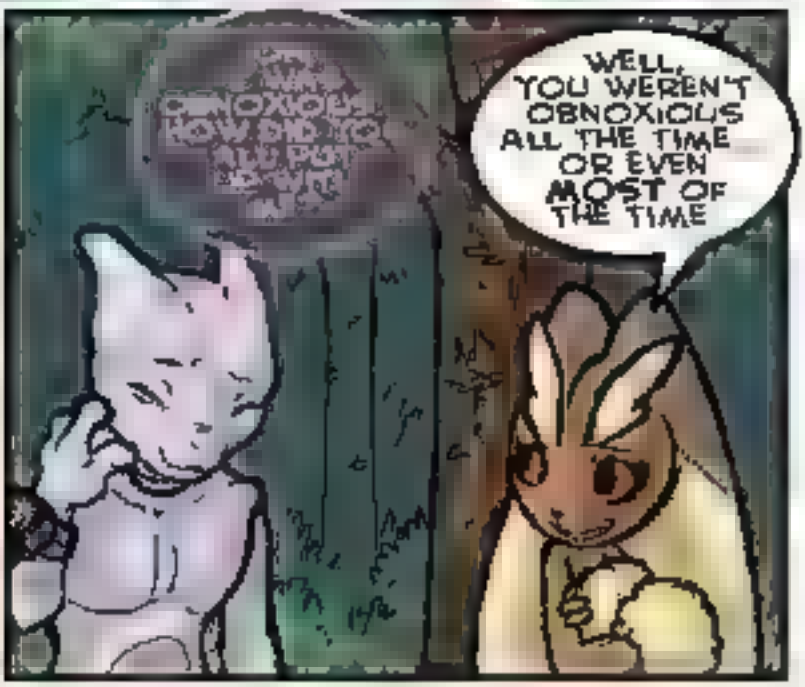

I THINK PART OF IT WITH YOU IS, YOU ARE SO FREAKIN' TOUGH THAT YOU FIND IT HARD TO IMAGINE ANYONE EVER HELPING YOU.
LIKE, IF YOU CAN'T GET YOURSELF OUT OF A JAM, WHO WILL?

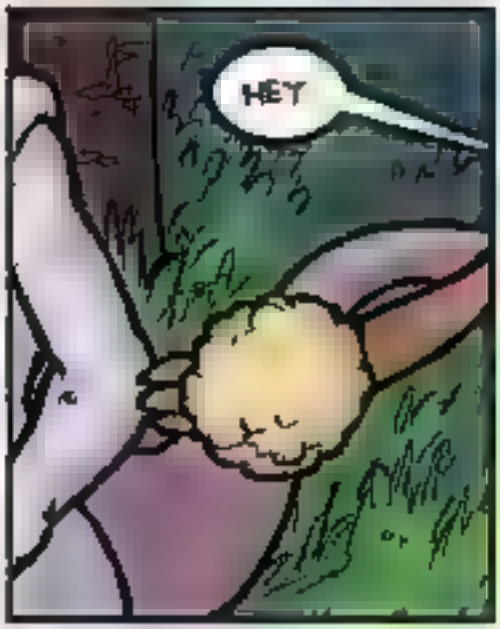

BUT WE NEED PEERS TO KEEP US SANE
ALWAYS THINKING YOU'RE ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE OVER TIME THAT CAN ROT A PERSON


IT'S WHY I INSISTED ON THE NICKNAME
hrf!?
LIKE, OF COURSE YA HATED IT
YOU JUST WANTED MORE "YES SIR NO SIR", AND I WOULDN'T PLAY ALONG)
RIGHT?

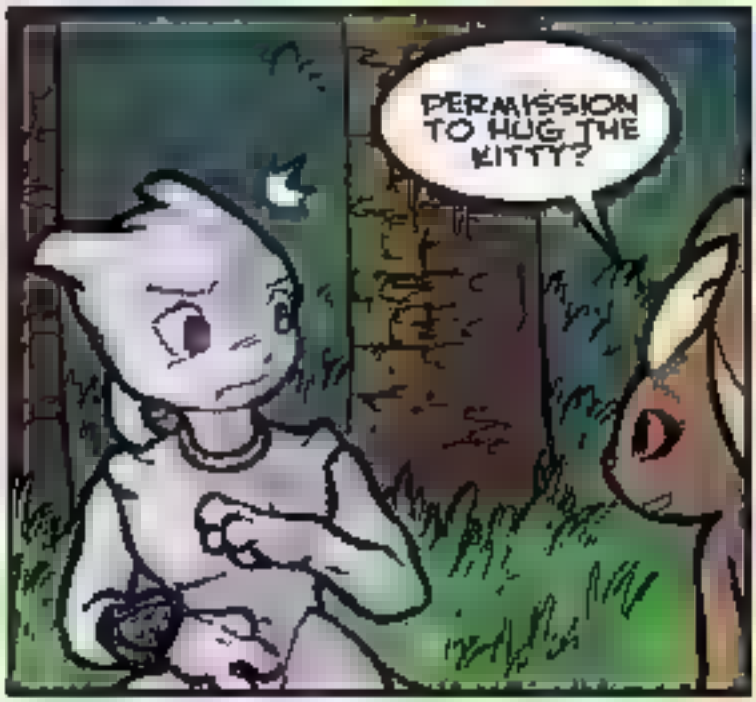


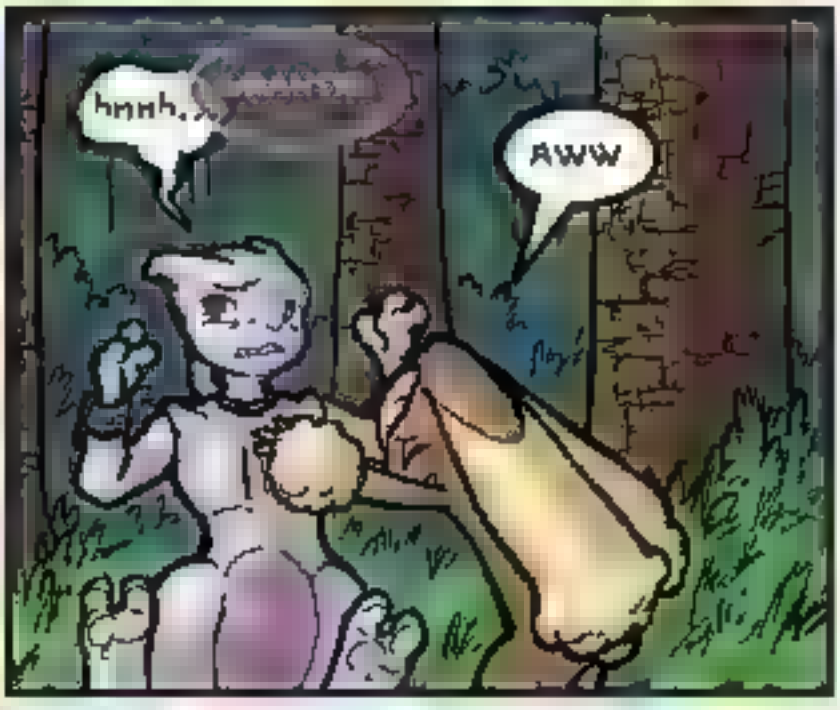

PFAAHAHA!


WELL, YOU WEREN'T OBNOXIOUS ALL THE TIME OR EVEN MOST OF THE TIME


HEY

THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE BEEN SUPER HARD ON YOU
BUT YOU HAVE SO MUCH LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL THAT I WAS NOT WILLING TO SIT BACK AND LET YOU BE OKAY, WHEN YOU COULD BE GREAT.

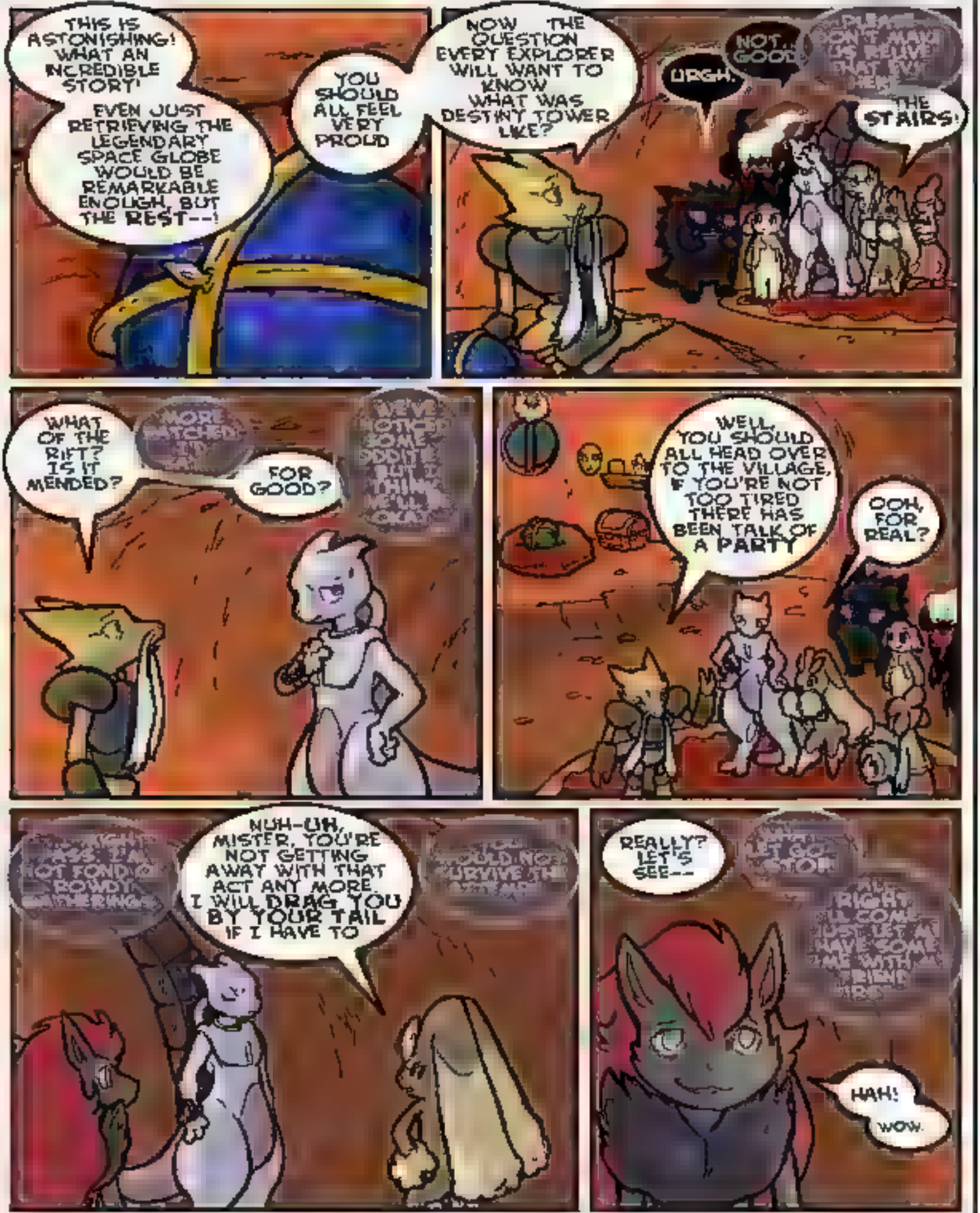

PERMISSION TO HUG THE KITTY?


hmmh.
AWW

KITTY GOTTA HUG BACK, OR IT DOESN'T COUNT

AWW

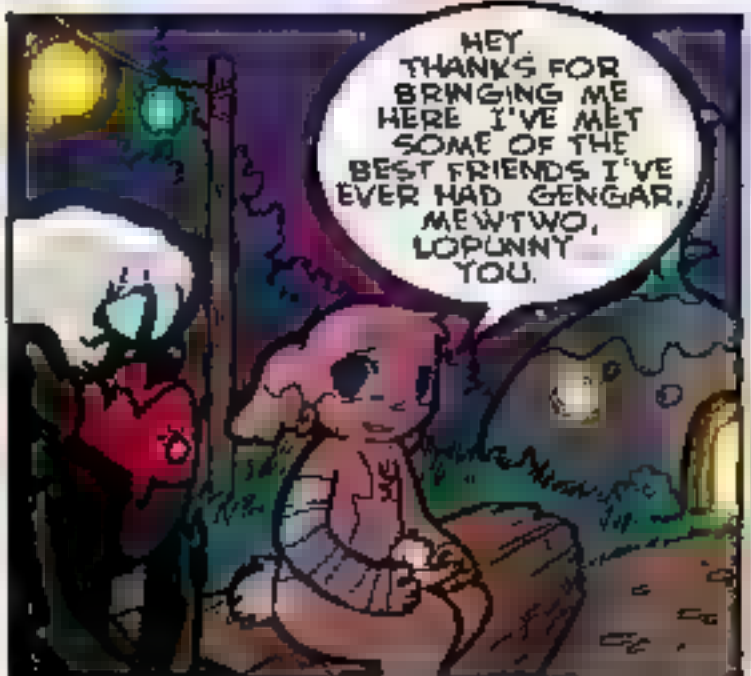
WHEW, THERE YOU ARE.
LOOK, DON'T LET HER GET TO YOU WITH THAT STUFF, ALL RIGHT?
I'M NOT
AH, MY MISTAKE. I SEE HOW CHILL AND CALM YOU'RE LOOKING, AFTER ALL.
I'M NOT ANGRY FOR ME, WES. I HEARD WORSE THINGS EVERY DAY WHEN I WAS A KID
IT'S JUST, THINKING OF THE DAMAGE SHE'S DONE TO OTHERS
AH--! WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'LL CHEER YOU UP
HUH?
TAKE A LOOK
SEEM FAMILIAR?
--- THEY'RE BACK!

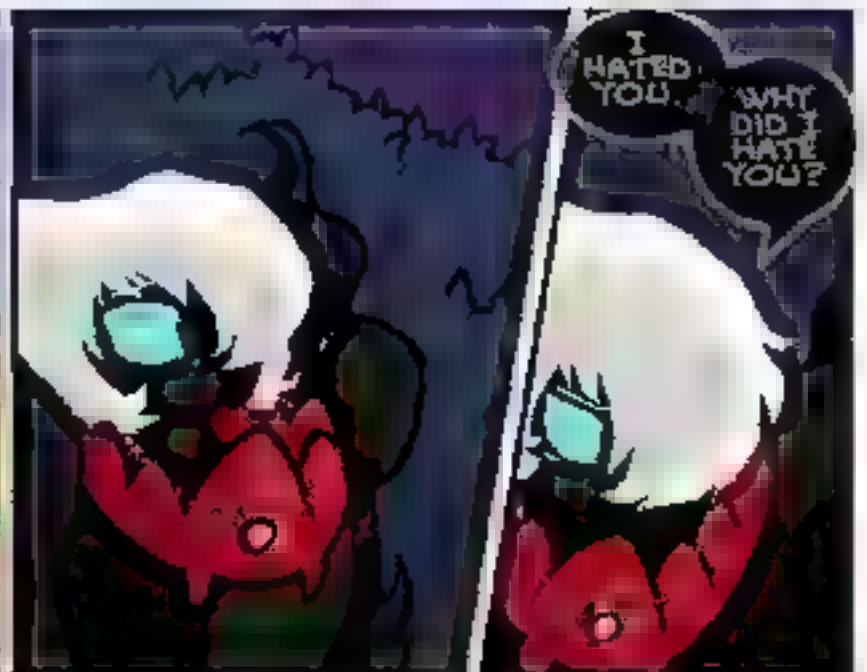

THIS IS ASTONISHING! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE STORY!
EVEN JUST RETRIEVING THE LEGENDARY SPACE GLOBE WOULD BE REMARKABLE ENOUGH, BUT THE REST--!
YOU SHOULD ALL FEEL VERY PROUD
NOW THE QUESTION EVERY EXPLORER WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT WAS DESTINY TOWER LIKE?
URGH.
NOT... GOOD.
PLEASE DON'T MAKE US RELIVE THAT EVIL PLACE
THE STAIRS!
WHAT OF THE RIFT? IS IT MENDED?
FOR GOOD?
WELL, YOU SHOULD ALL HEAD OVER TO THE VILLAGE, IF YOU'RE NOT TOO TIRED THERE HAS BEEN TALK OF A PARTY
OOH, FOR REAL?
NUH-UH, MISTER, YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THAT ACT ANY MORE. I WILL DRAG YOU BY YOUR TAIL IF I HAVE TO
REALLY? LET'S SEE--
HAH!
WOW.

HUF

IS SOMETHING WRONG, MISS JEN?
HUH? NO-- WELL, IT'S JUST WEIRD

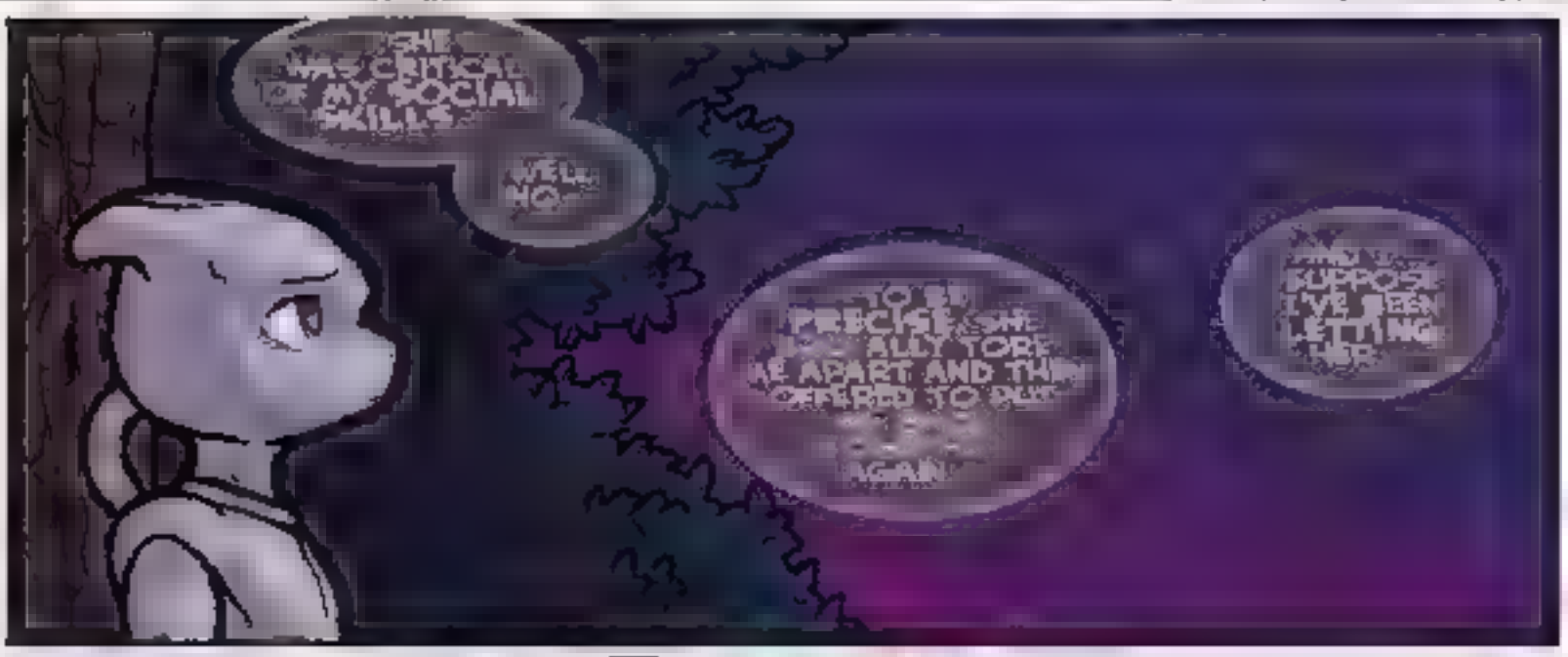
FOR SO LONG IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US. BUT HE'S GOT ALL THESE OLD FRIENDS HERE, ALL THIS HISTORY
..YOU FEEL LEFT OUT..
W-WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE BUT MOSTLY I'M HAPPY THAT HE'S HAPPY. I THINK HE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME BACK HOME


HEY, THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HERE. I'VE MET SOME OF THE BEST FRIENDS I'VE EVER HAD. GENGAR, MEWTWO, LOPUNNY... YOU.

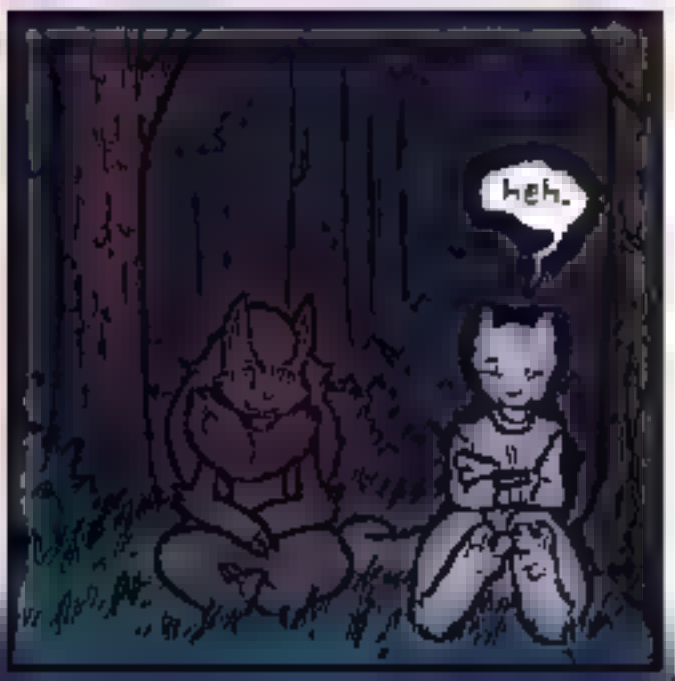

I HATED YOU.
WHY DID I HATE YOU?

I TORMENTED YOU—
SET HUNTERS ON YOU—
MISS JEN, I AM SO SORR—
DON'T.
MEWTWO SAYS YOU SHOULD NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR THINGS THAT AREN'T YOUR FAULT
THAT [redacted] SOUND LIKE HIM...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING, BUT I DON'T SEE HER HERE.
YEAH, I... GUESS THEY'RE KEEPING HER UP AT TEAM ACT'S PLACE.
HEY, DID YOU GET A CUPCAKE BEFORE THEY ALL WENT? DO YOU WANT MINE?
NO, I— THAT'S YOURS, I SHOULDN'T—
I'VE HAD LIKE THREE I'M TOO FULL.
OKAY...

OH THIS IS NICE
WOW!
YEAH... I'VE BEEN COMING UP HERE A LOT
I HAVE TO ASK.
WHAT'S WITH THE UH...
WE MET YOUR GUNS
OH NO WILL YOU BE OKAY?
I THINK SO
DARKRAI SAYS ALL I CAN DO NOW IS WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS I'VE AGREED TO
YOU'VE CHANGED
THAT'S WORRYING
NO, NOT IN A BAD WAY!
YOU WERE ALWAYS SO TENSE I'D GET ANXIOUS JUST BEING AROUND YOU
LATELY YOU SEEM SO MUCH MORE RELAXED AND, WELL-- CONFIDENT AROUND PEOPLE
AND I SUPPOSE WE CAN THANK LOPUNNY TRAINING FOR THAT TOO
OKAY. HOLD UP
LOPUNNY?
TRAINING YOU?
WHAAT?
aheh.

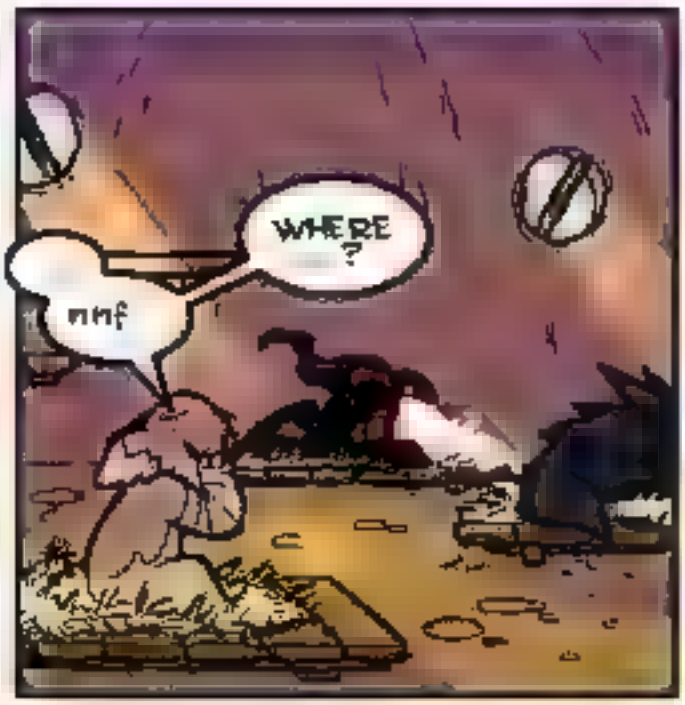

SHE WAS CRITICAL OF MY SOCIAL SKILLS
WELL, NO
I SUPPOSE I'VE BEEN LETTING HER

WELL, WHATEVER YOU TWO HAVE BEEN DOING TOGETHER
YOU SHOULD KEEP IT UP IT'S WORKING

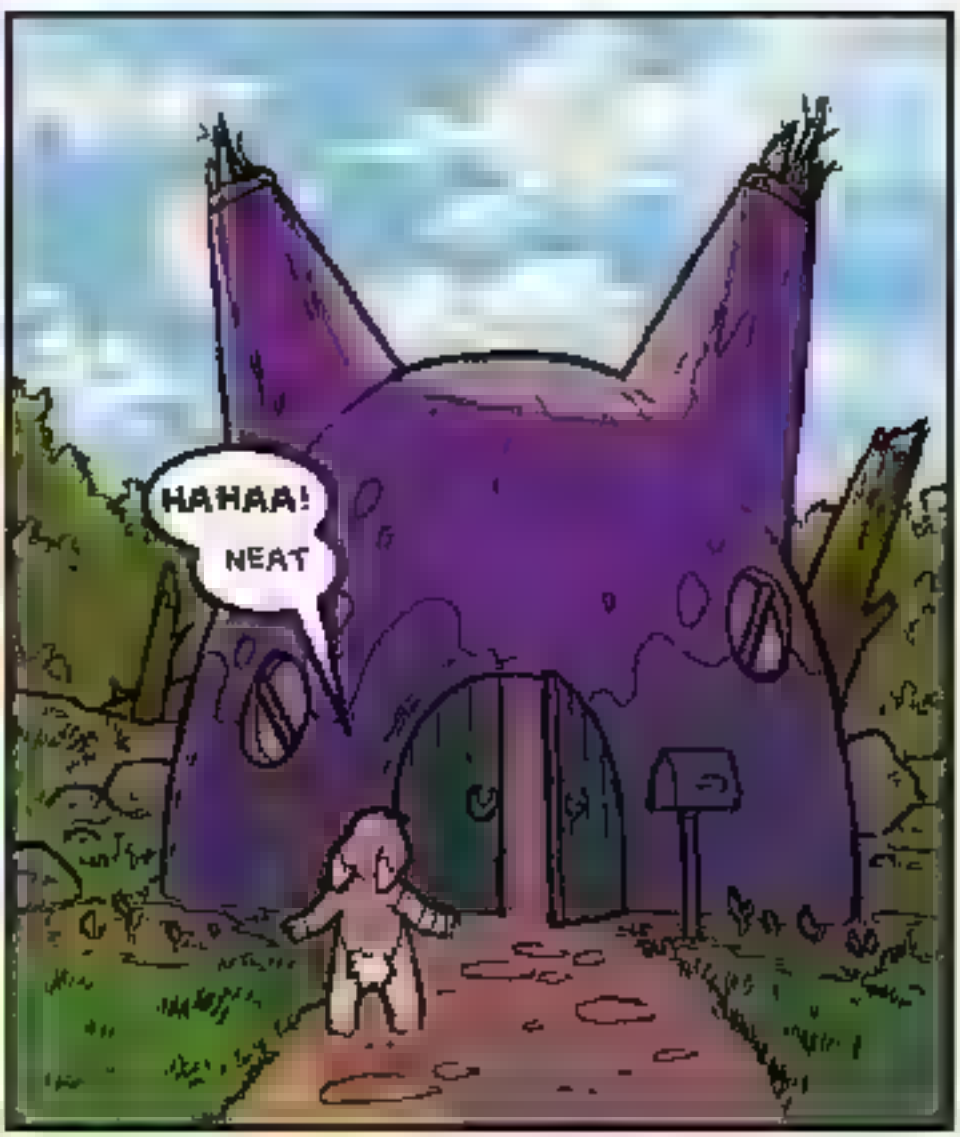

heh.

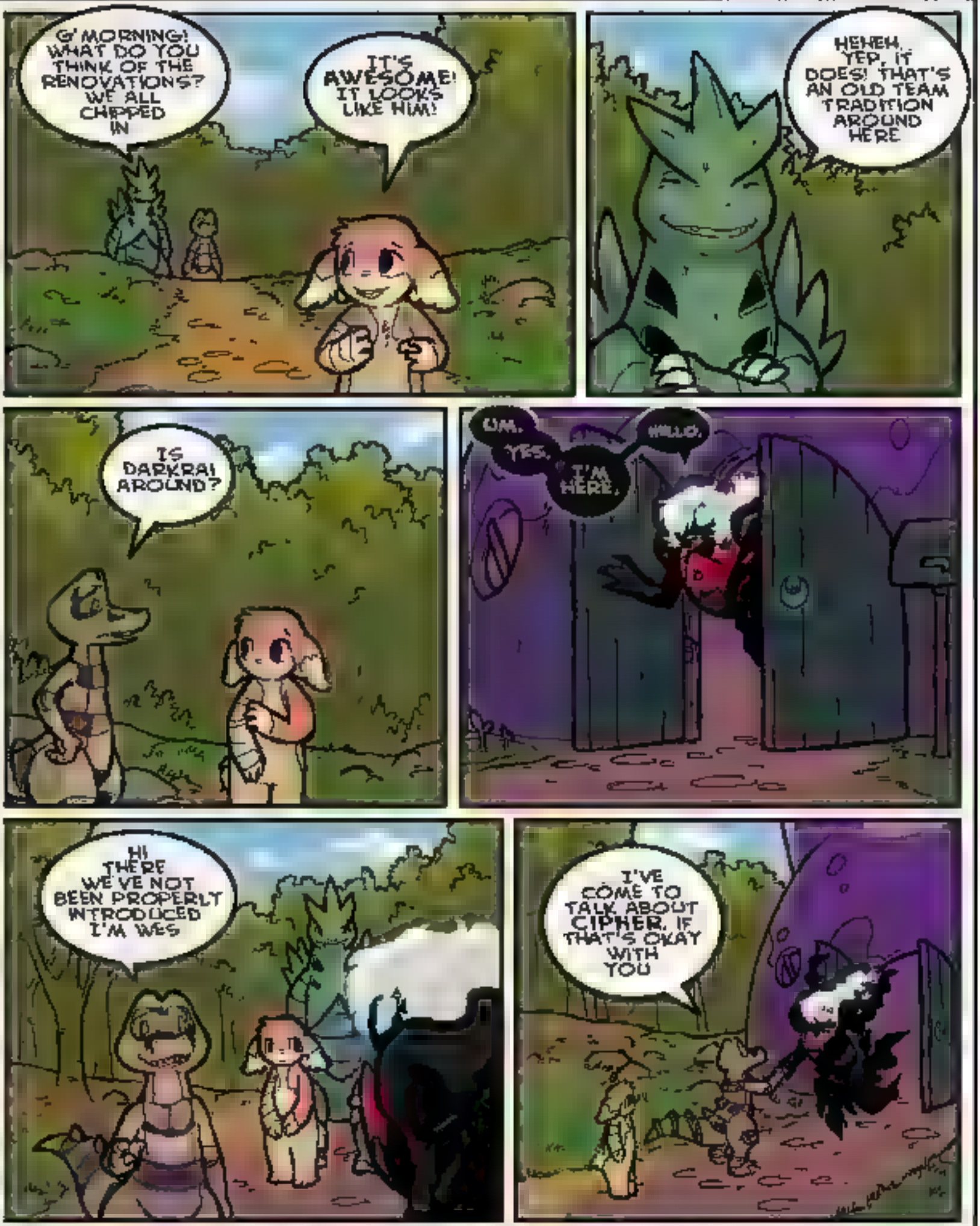
WE'D BETTER GET DOWN THERE BEFOR LOPUNNY COMES AFTER META KNIGHT AGAIN
HAHAHA!

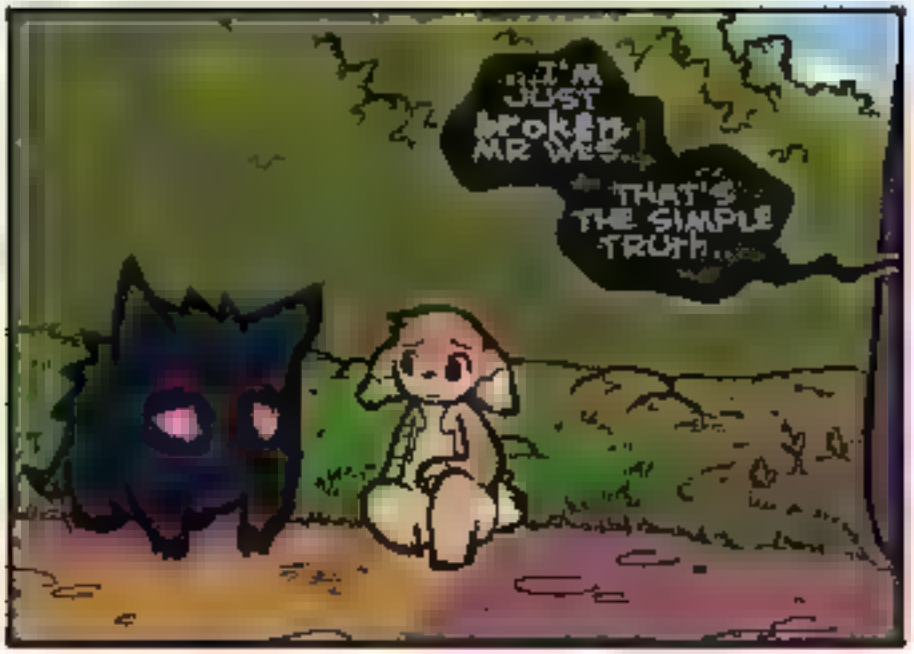
I STILL CAN'T QUITE BELIEVE YOU LET THAT HAPPEN
HAHAHA!

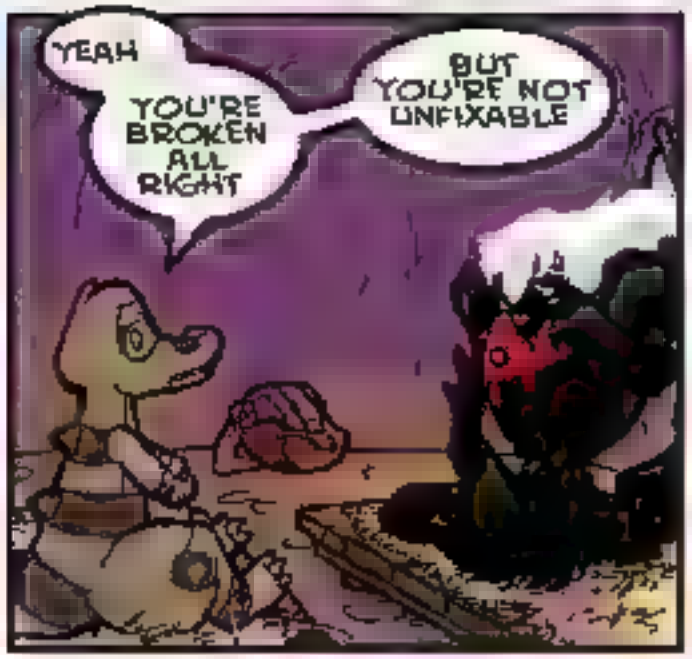

WHERE ?
mmf

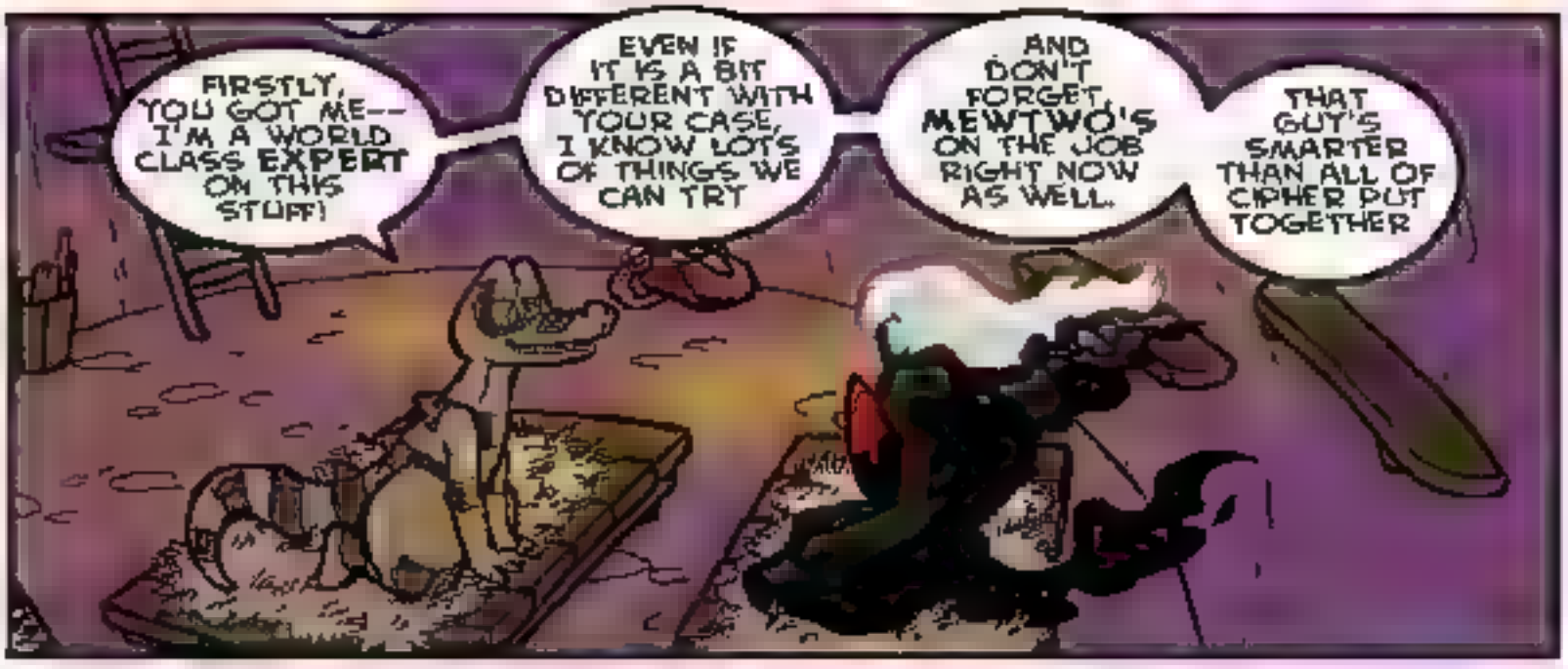
AH!


HAHAA!
NEAT


G' MORNING! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE RENOVATIONS? WE ALL CHIPPED IN
IT'S AWESOME! IT LOOKS LIKE HIM!
HEHEH.. YEP, IT DOES! THAT'S AN OLD TEAM TRADITION AROUND HERE
IS DARKRAI AROUND?
UM. YES. I'M HERE.
HELLO.
HI THERE WE'VE NOT BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED I'M WES
I'VE COME TO TALK ABOUT CIPHER, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU

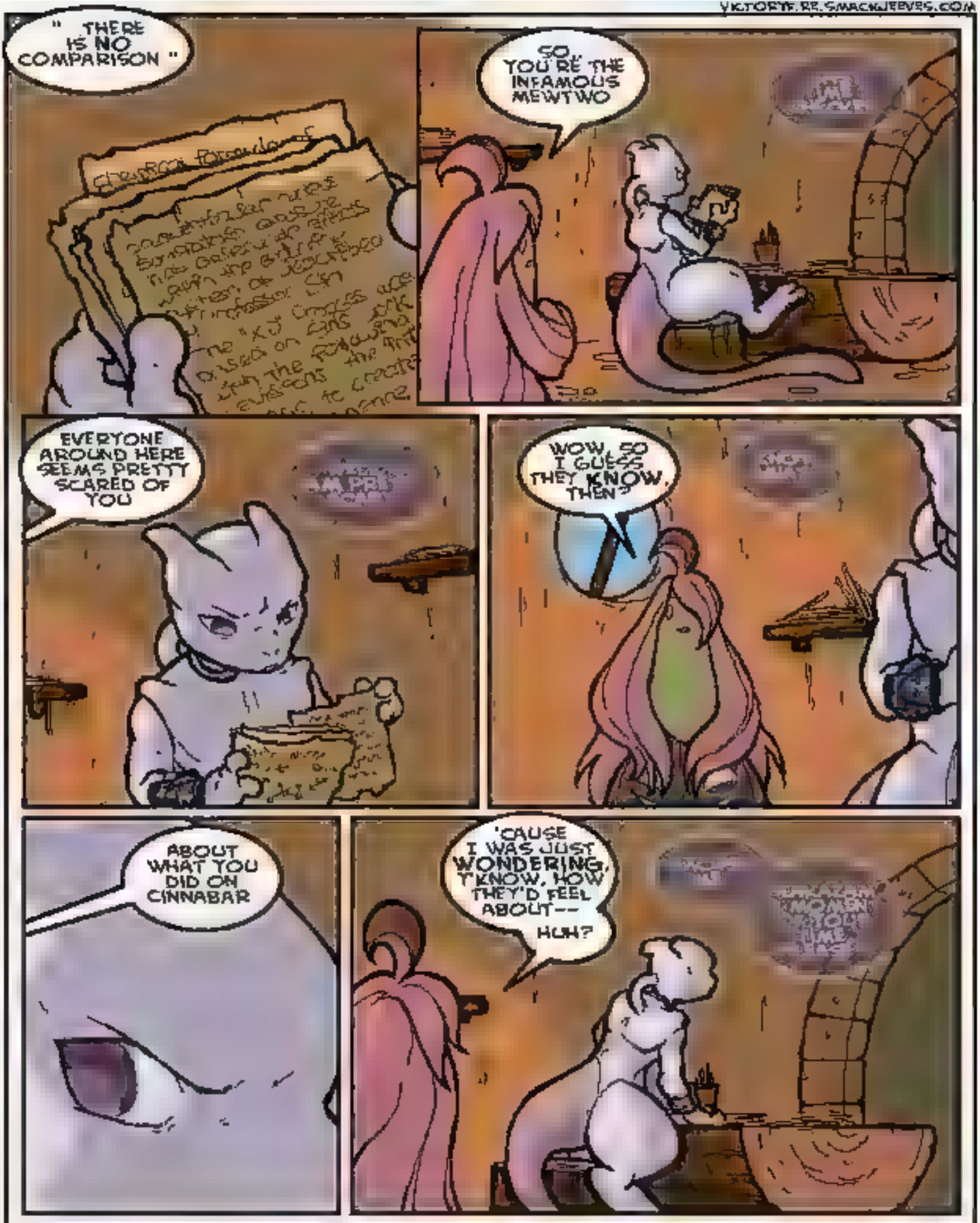

I'M JUST broken MR WEE...
THAT'S THE SIMPLE TRUTH...

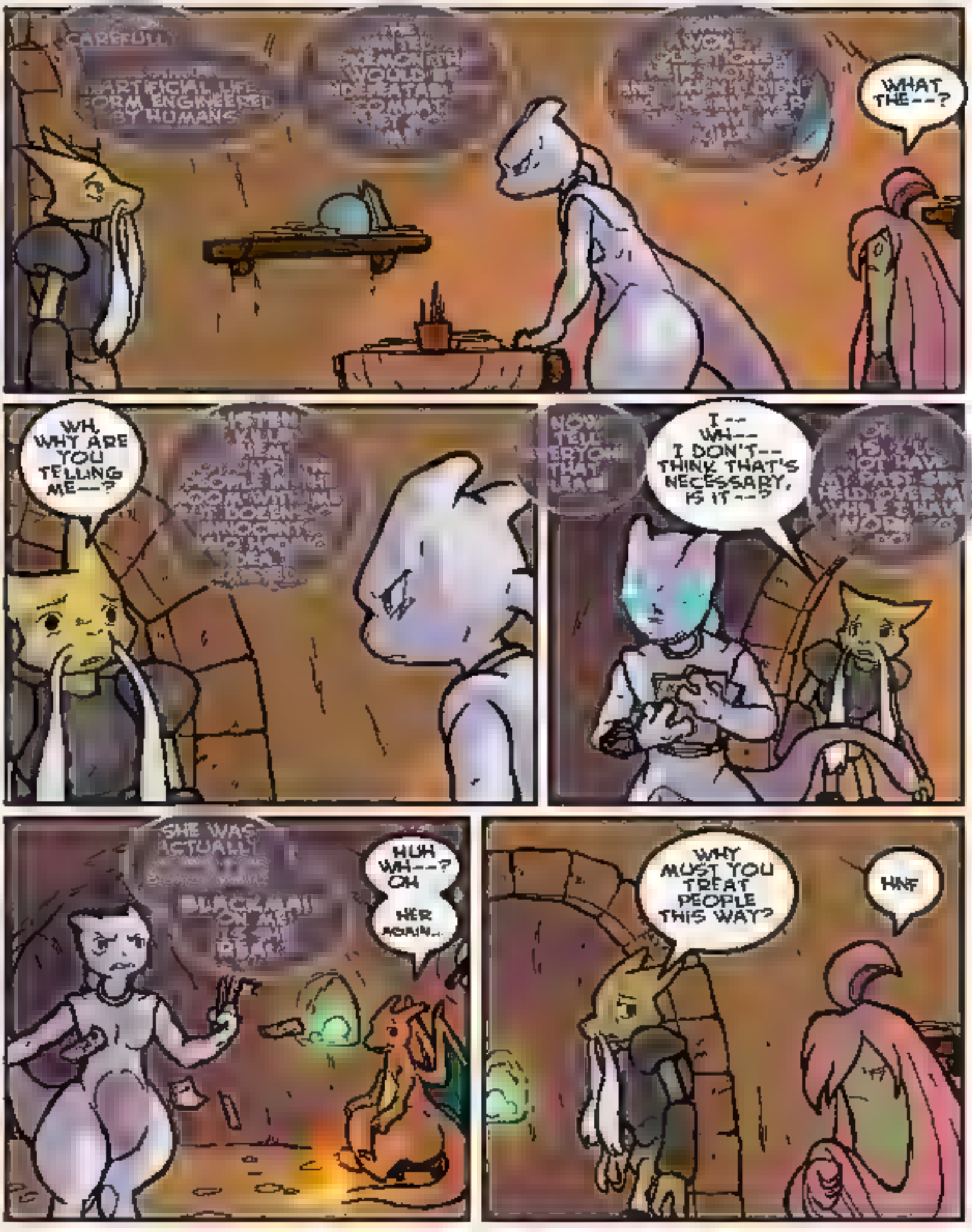

YEAH
YOU'RE BROKEN ALL RIGHT
BUT YOU'RE NOT UNFIXABLE


FIRSTLY, YOU GOT ME-- I'M A WORLD CLASS EXPERT ON THIS STUFF!
EVEN IF IT IS A BIT DIFFERENT WITH YOUR CASE, I KNOW LOTS OF THINGS WE CAN TRY
AND DON'T FORGET, MEWTWO'S ON THE JOB RIGHT NOW AS WELL.
THAT GUY'S SMARTER THAN ALL OF CIPHER PUT TOGETHER

uhhh...
EVEN MISS LOVRINA?

MATE, I'VE GOT TO KNOW 'EM BOTH PRETTY WELL BY NOW, AND TRUST ME ON THIS.


" THERE IS NO COMPARISON "
SO, YOU'RE THE INFAMOUS MEWTWO
EVERYONE AROUND HERE SEEMS PRETTY SCARED OF YOU
WOW, SO I GUESS THEY KNOW, THEN?
ABOUT WHAT YOU DID ON CINNABAR
'CAUSE I WAS JUST WONDERING, Y'KNOW, HOW THEY'D FEEL ABOUT--
HUH?


CAREFULL
ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM ENGINEERED BY HUMANS
WHAT THE--?
WH, WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME--?
I-- WH-- I DON'T-- THINK THAT'S NECESSARY, IS IT--?
SHE WAS ACTUALLY
HUH WH--? OH
HER AGAIN...
WHY MUST YOU TREAT PEOPLE THIS WAY?
HNF

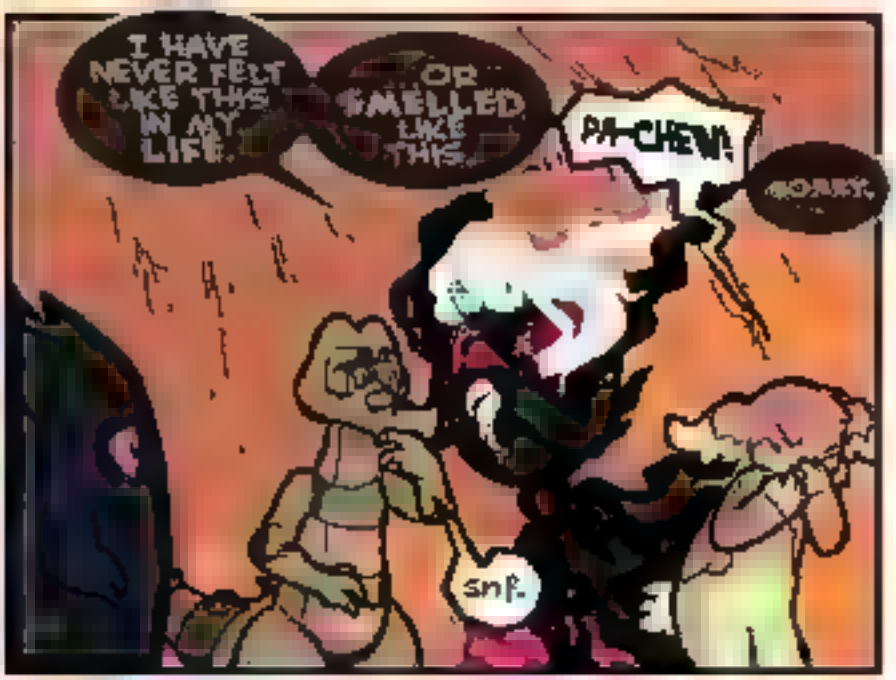
I'M NOT DOUBTING YOU--IT JUST SEEMS A LITTLE WEIRD.
YEAH, IT'S NOT MY SORT OF THING EITHER, BUT IT DOES HELP
ANYTHING THAT LOWERS STRESS MAKES AN EPISODE LESS LIKELY
A SPA TREATMENT, THOUGH?
I'M WILLING TO TRY
GREAT! BECAUSE STRESS RELIEF IS WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT!
COME THROUGH WITH US, DEAR
USE THE SCENTED OILS!
WE'LL LET THEM WORK THEIR MAGIC FOR A BIT
NOW, MISSY, AROMATISSE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO LET'S GO GET THAT ARM LOOKED AT, ALL RIGHT?

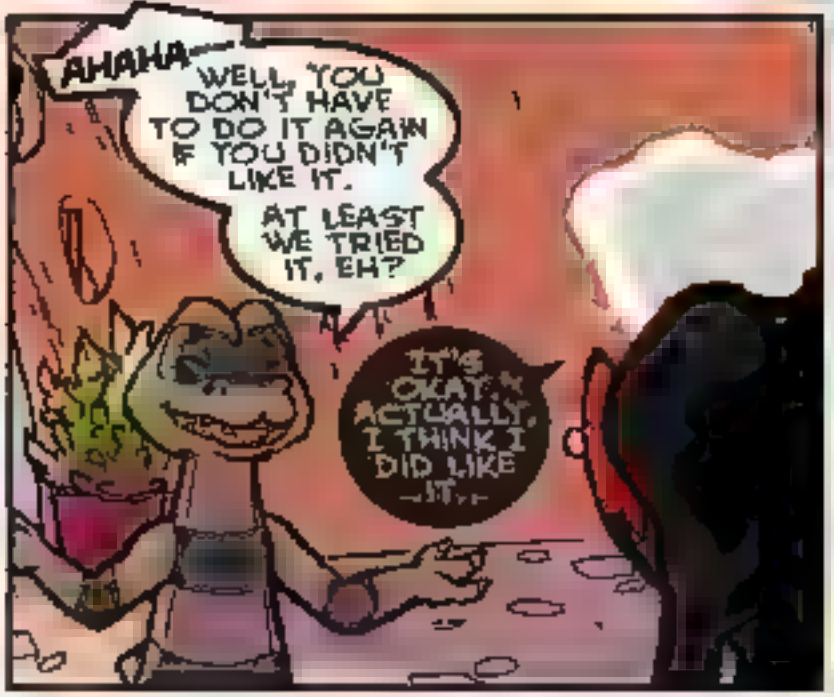
THERE, THAT'S ALL CLEAN NOW
NO MORE DRESSINGS-- WE'LL LET IT HEAL UP IN THE FRESH AIR.
owie owie owie.
THANKS.
SO, DO I GET TO BE AN OFFICIAL MEANIE YET?
I HAVE GOT TO LOOK INTO CHANGING THAT NAME.
WELL THERE'S DARKRAI TOO. WE COULD BE TEAM DREAMIES IT'S ALMOST THE SAME
THAT IS THE SECOND WORST TEAM NAME THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD.
AWW.
HEH LISTENING TO YOU TWO TAKES ME BACK.
I USED TO BE IN TEAM SNAGEM.
THIRD WORST, NOW.
O!!

HEY! ALL DONE THEN?
DID YOU ENJOY YOUR MASSAGE?
I DON'T KNOW.
OH, NOT SURE?

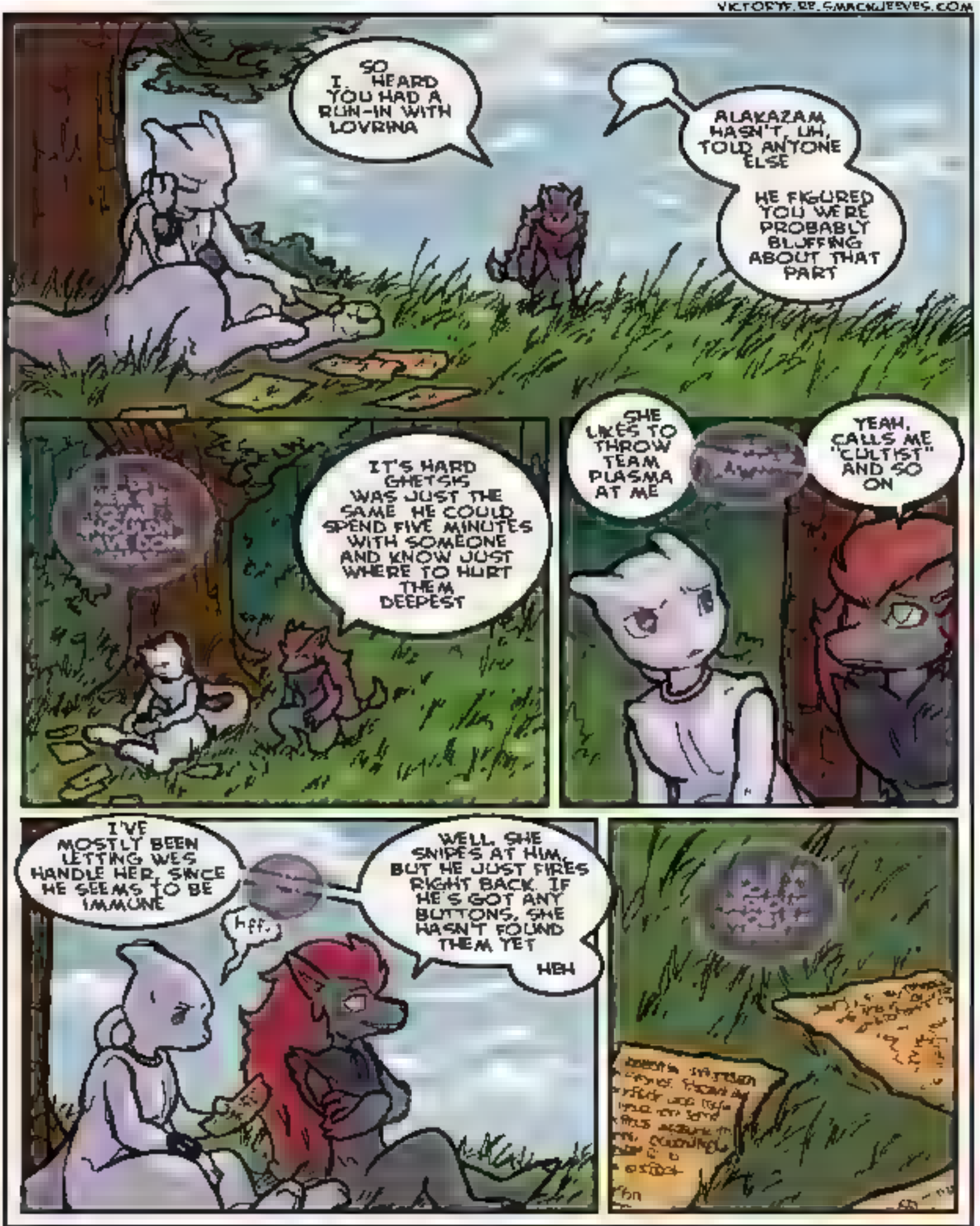
I FELL ASLEEP.
--WELL, THAT'S GOOD, THEN!

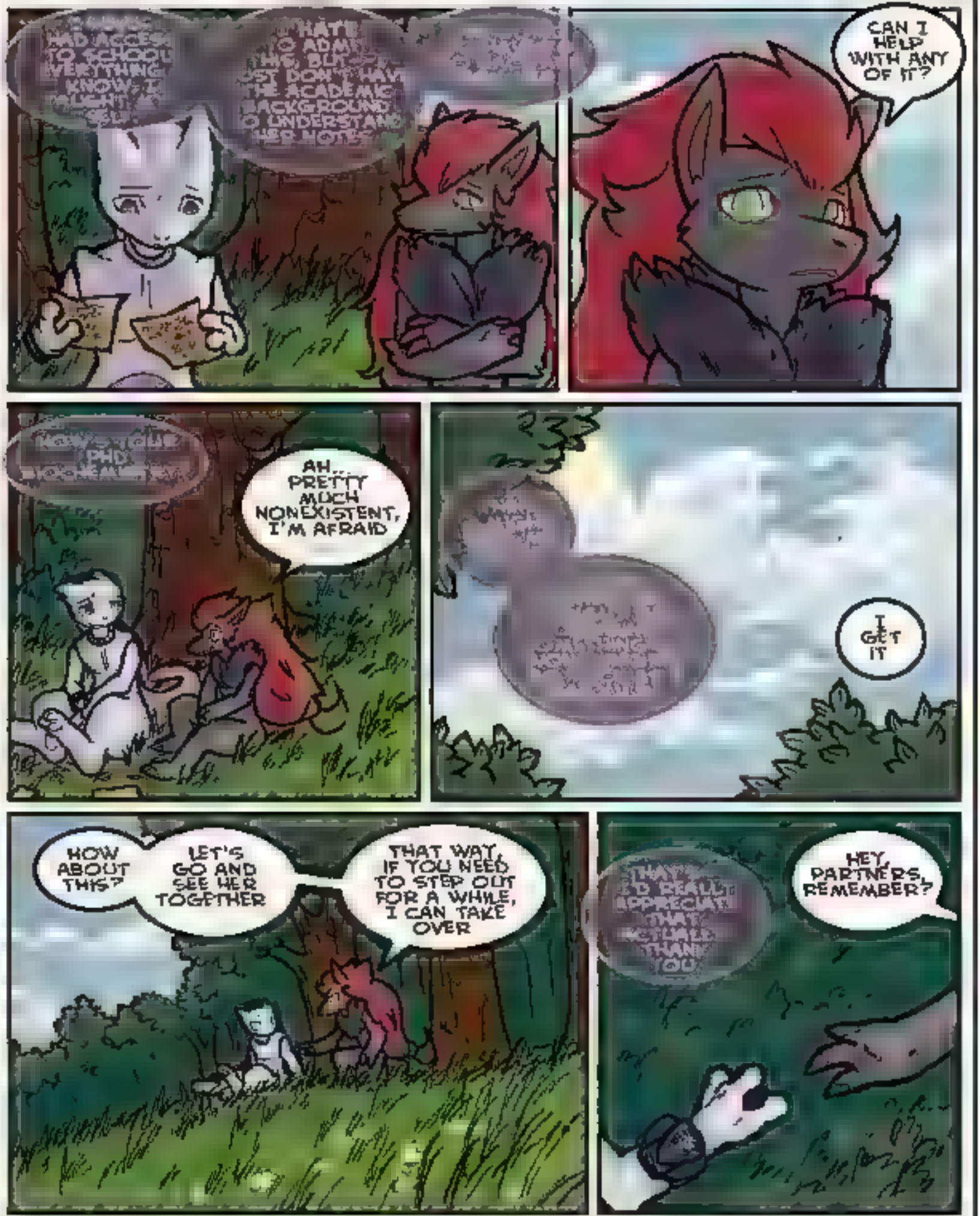
EVERY-THING'S GONE ALL WARM AND NOODLY.
IT'S CALLED RELAXATION BET YOU HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS IN A WHILE, EH?

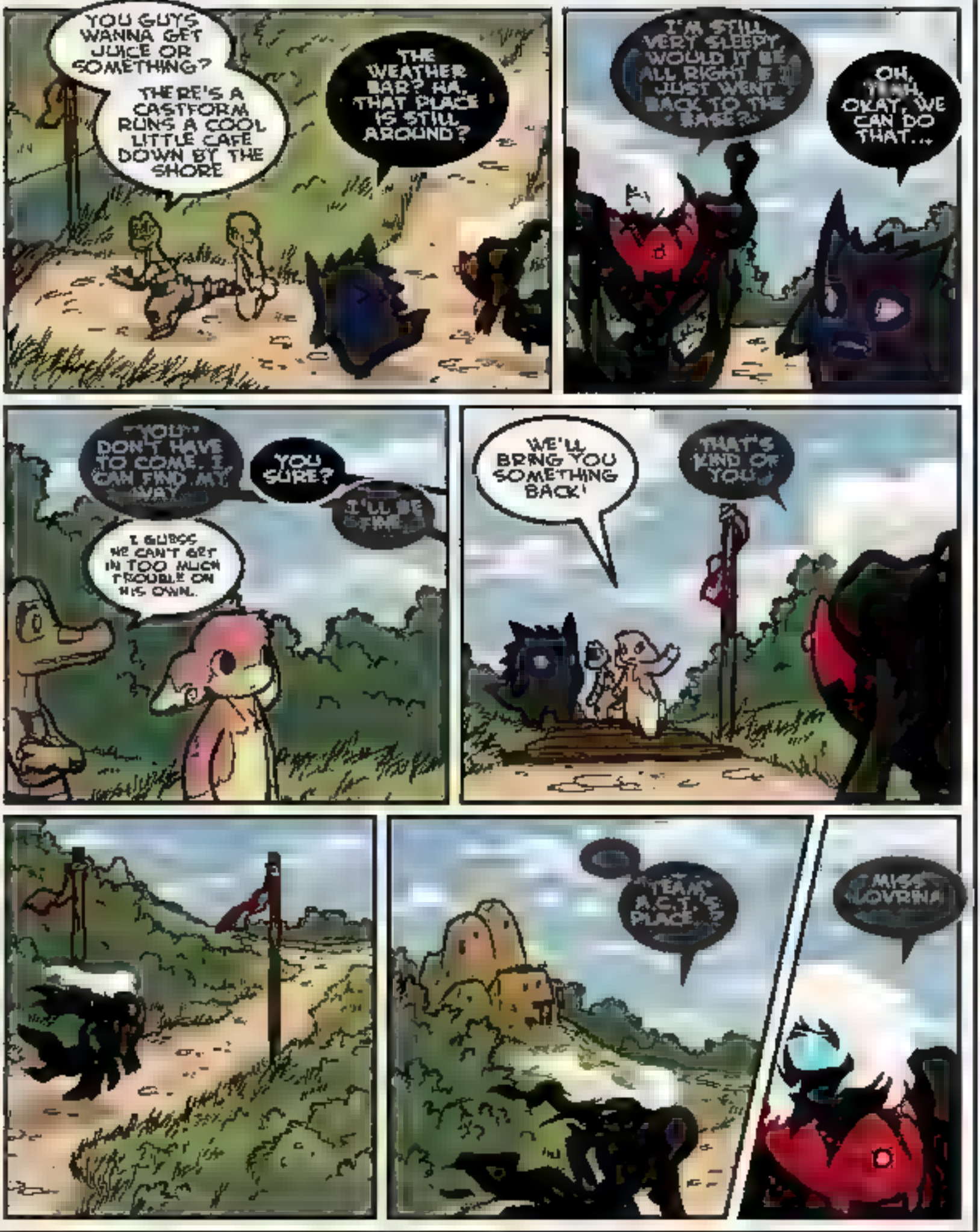

I HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE.
OR SMELLED LIKE THIS.
PA-CHEW!
SORRY.
SNF.

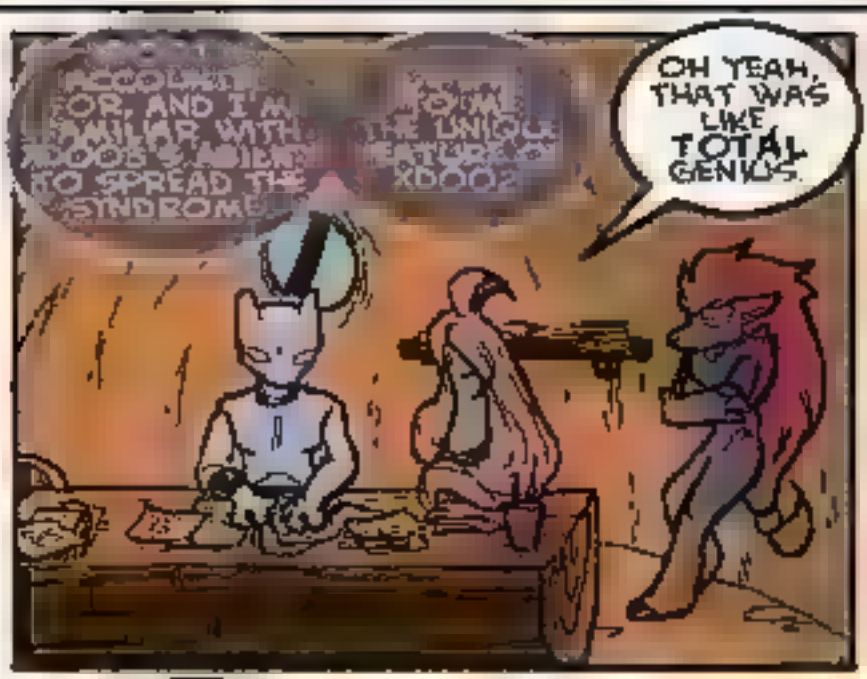

AHAHA
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT.
AT LEAST WE TRIED IT, EH?
IT'S OKAY. ACTUALLY, I THINK I DID LIKE IT.

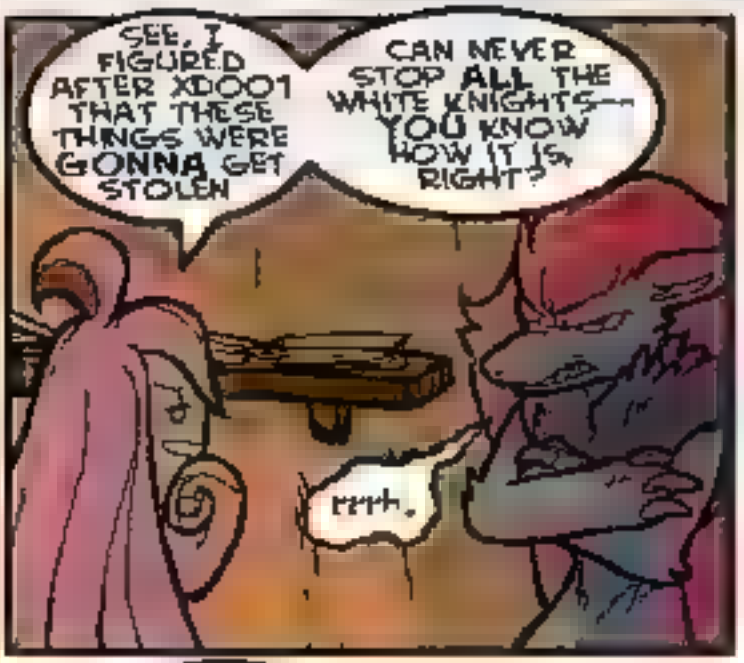
THANK YOU, MISS ORICORIO.
VISIT US WHENEVER YOU WISH, MY DEAR

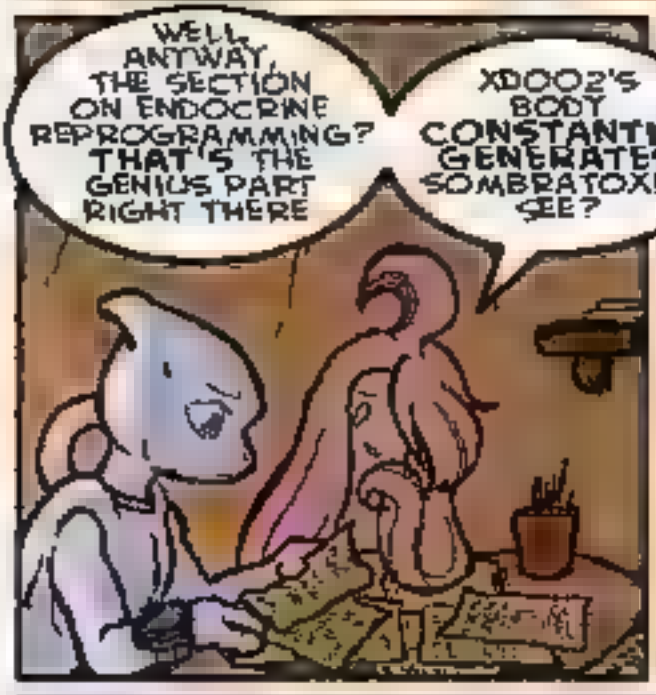

SO I HEARD YOU HAD A RUN-IN WITH LOVRINA
ALAKAZAM HASN'T, UH, TOLD ANYONE ELSE
HE FIGURED YOU WERE PROBABLY BLUFFING ABOUT THAT PART
IT'S HARD GHETSIS WAS JUST THE SAME HE COULD SPEND FIVE MINUTES WITH SOMEONE AND KNOW JUST WHERE TO HURT THEM DEEPEST
SHE LIKES TO THROW TEAM PLASMA AT ME
YEAH, CALLS ME "CULTIST" AND SO ON
I'VE MOSTLY BEEN LETTING WES HANDLE HER, SINCE HE SEEMS TO BE IMMUNE
hff.
WELL, SHE SNIPES AT HIM, BUT HE JUST FIRES RIGHT BACK. IF HE'S GOT ANY BUTTONS, SHE HASN'T FOUND THEM YET
HEH

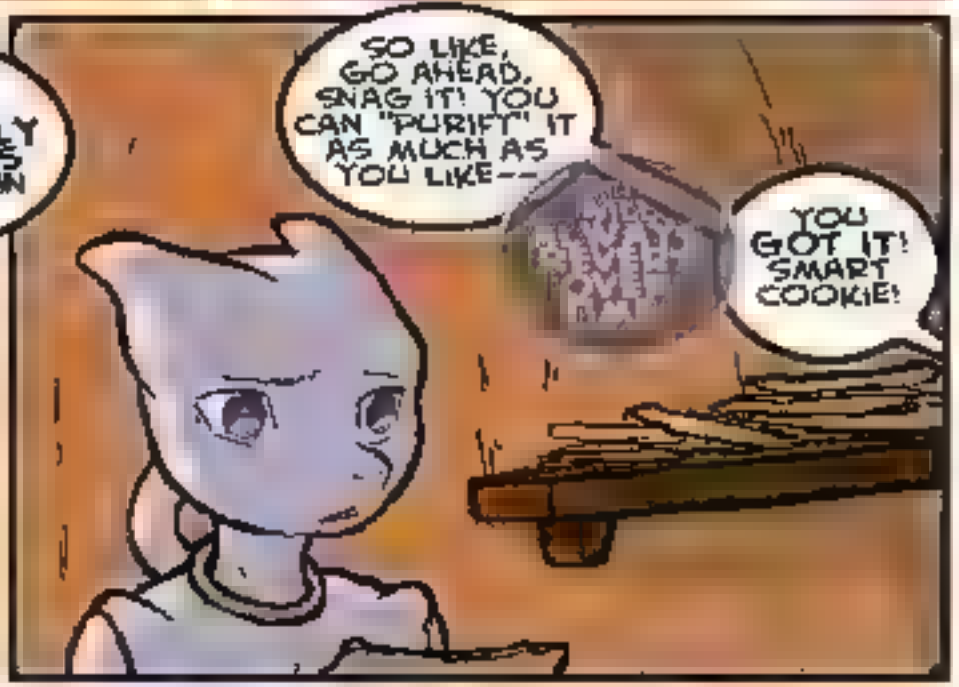

I HATE TO ADMIT THIS, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE ACADEMIC BACKGROUND TO UNDERSTAND HER NOTES
CAN I HELP WITH ANY OF IT?
PHD
AH... PRETTY MUCH NONEXISTENT, I'M AFRAID
I GET IT
HOW ABOUT THIS?
LET'S GO AND SEE HER TOGETHER
THAT WAY, IF YOU NEED TO STEP OUT FOR A WHILE, I CAN TAKE OVER
I'D REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I'D TRULY THANK YOU
HEY, PARTNERS, REMEMBER?


YOU GUYS WANNA GET JUICE OR SOMETHING?
THERE'S A CASTFORM RUNS A COOL LITTLE CAFE DOWN BY THE SHORE
THE WEATHER BAR? HA, THAT PLACE IS STILL AROUND?
I'M STILL VERY SLEEPY. WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I JUST WENT BACK TO THE BASE?
OH, [illegible] OKAY, WE CAN DO THAT...
"YOU" DON'T HAVE TO COME. I CAN FIND MY WAY
YOU SURE?
I'LL BE FINE
I GUESS WE CAN'T GET IN TOO MUCH TROUBLE ON HIS OWN.
WE'LL BRING YOU SOMETHING BACK!
THAT'S KIND OF YOU
"TEAM A.C.J. PLACE"?
MISS LOVRINA


OR, AND I'M SIMILAR WITH XDOO3 AND XDOO4 TO SPREAD THE SYNDROME
FOR THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF XDOO2
OH YEAH, THAT WAS LIKE TOTAL GENIUS.


SEE, I FIGURED AFTER XDOO1 THAT THESE THINGS WERE GONNA GET STOLEN
CAN NEVER STOP ALL THE WHITE KNIGHTS-- YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, RIGHT?
mmh.


WELL, ANYWAY, THE SECTION ON ENDOCRINE REPROGRAMMING? THAT'S THE GENIUS PART RIGHT THERE
XDOO2'S BODY CONSTANTLY GENERATES SOMBRATOXIN SEE?

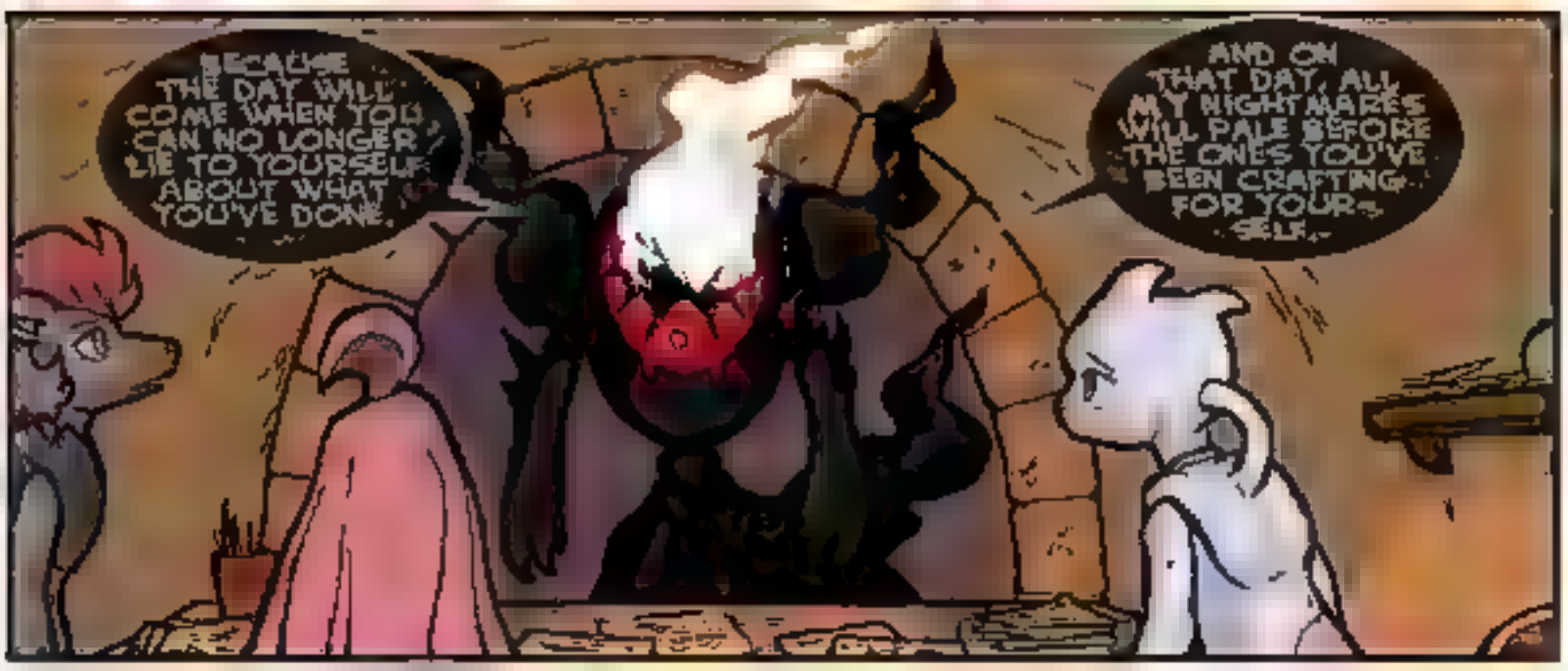

SO LIKE, GO AHEAD, SNAG IT! YOU CAN "PURIFY" IT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE--
YOU GOT IT! SMART COOKIE!

AND YOUR PROUD OF THIS, ARE YOU TORTURING AN INTELLIGENT CREATURE IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE?
PFF IT WASN'T TORTURE --

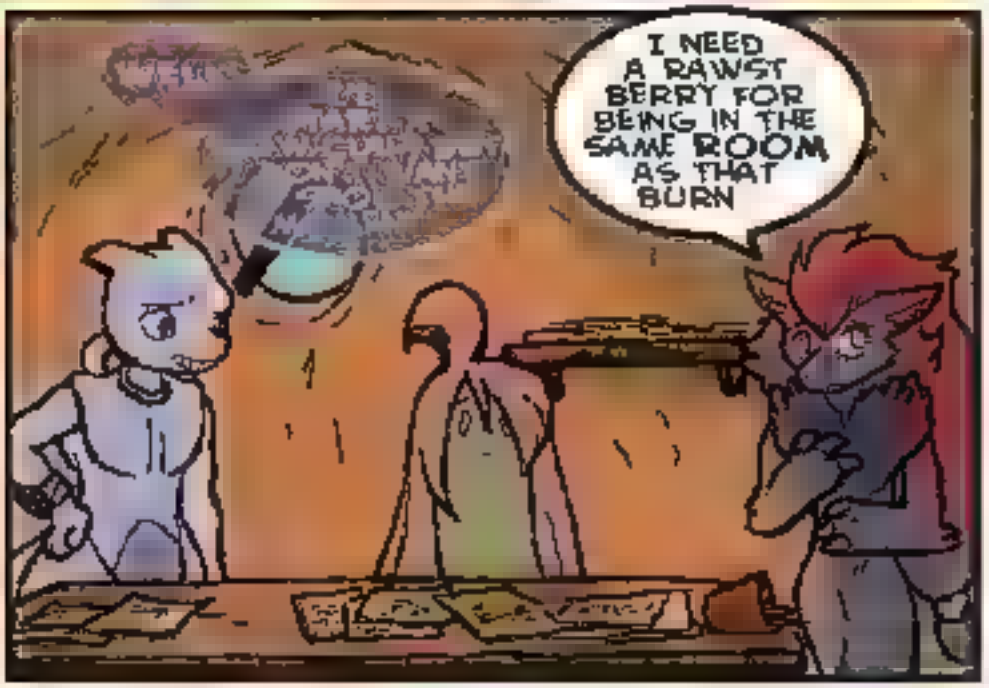
IT WAS TORTURE.

YOU CAGED ME.
BEAT ME.
POISONED ME.
BURNED YOUR MARK INTO MY FLESH.
ARE THESE THINGS NOT TORTURE?
YET I WAS LUCKY COMPARED TO MY SIBLING, WHO YOU DROVE TO HER DEATH.

EVEN SO, I DON'T HATE YOU ANY MORE, MISS LOVRNA. I AM SORRY FOR YOU.

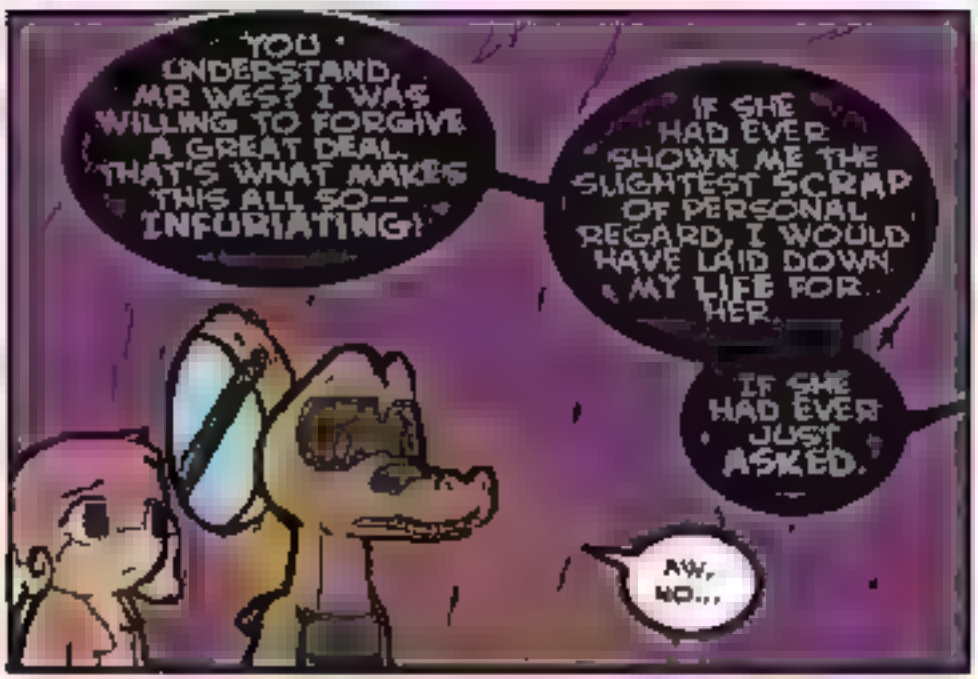

BECAUSE THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER LIE TO YOURSELF ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
AND ON THAT DAY, ALL MY NIGHTMARES WILL PALE BEFORE THE ONES YOU'VE BEEN CRAFTING FOR YOUR-SELF.

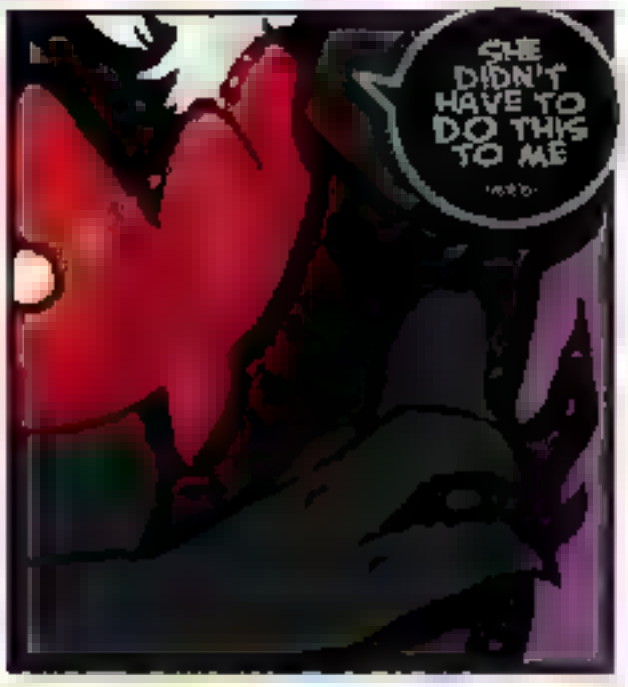
SO SLEEP WELL, MY LADY.
WHILE YOU STILL CAN.


I NEED A RAWST BERRY FOR BEING IN THE SAME ROOM AS THAT BURN

HEY, WE'RE BACK --?
DARKRAI, WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING.
DARKRA --
I'M NOT GOING TO ATTACK ANYONE-- I'M JUST ANGRY!
AM I PERMITTED TO BE ANGRY?
YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO LOVRINA, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.
MATE, YOU HAVE TO STAY AWAY FROM HER--
I WILL SPEAK WITH MY PARTNER WHEN I CHOOSE, MR WES.
OKAY SORRY
SORRY
SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS TO ME.

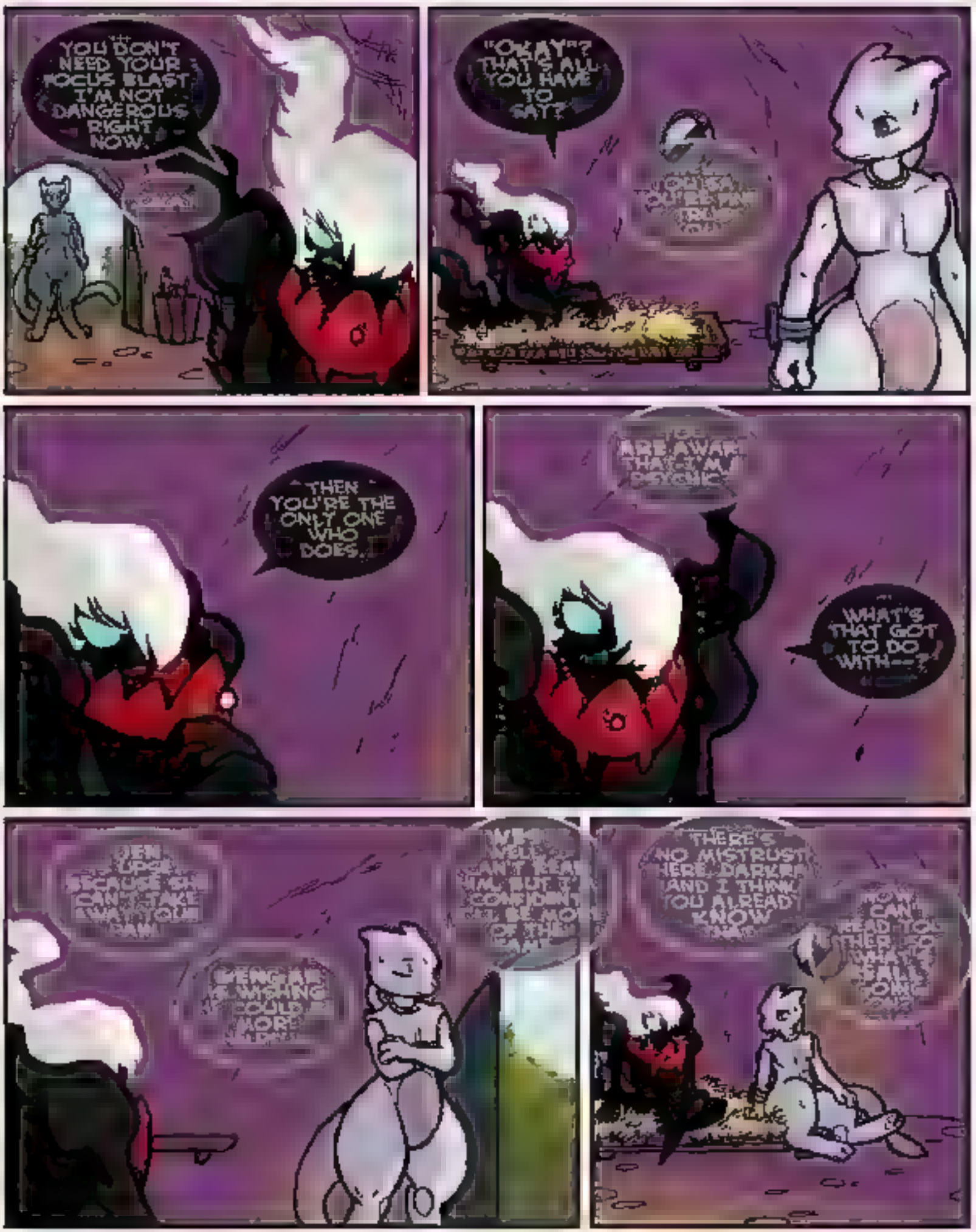
YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW IT ALL...
SHE NEVER GAVE ME A FAIR BATTLE, SHE ATTACKED ME WHEN I WAS ALREADY WOUNDED, AND SUBDUED ME WITH TRICKERY AND POISONED DARTS.
BUT I WAS WILLING TO FORGIVE HER THAT, BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT AT LAST SOMEONE WANTED ME...
BECAUSE OF MY CURSE, THE NIGHTMARES, I HAD NEVER HAD A PARTNER. PEOPLE FEARED ME TOO MUCH TO SEEK ME OUT...


YOU UNDERSTAND, MR WES? I WAS WILLING TO FORGIVE A GREAT DEAL. THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS ALL SO-- INFURIATING!
IF SHE HAD EVER SHOWN ME THE SLIGHTEST SCRAP OF PERSONAL REGARD, I WOULD HAVE LAID DOWN MY LIFE FOR HER.
IF SHE HAD EVER JUST ASKED.
AW, NO...


SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS TO ME

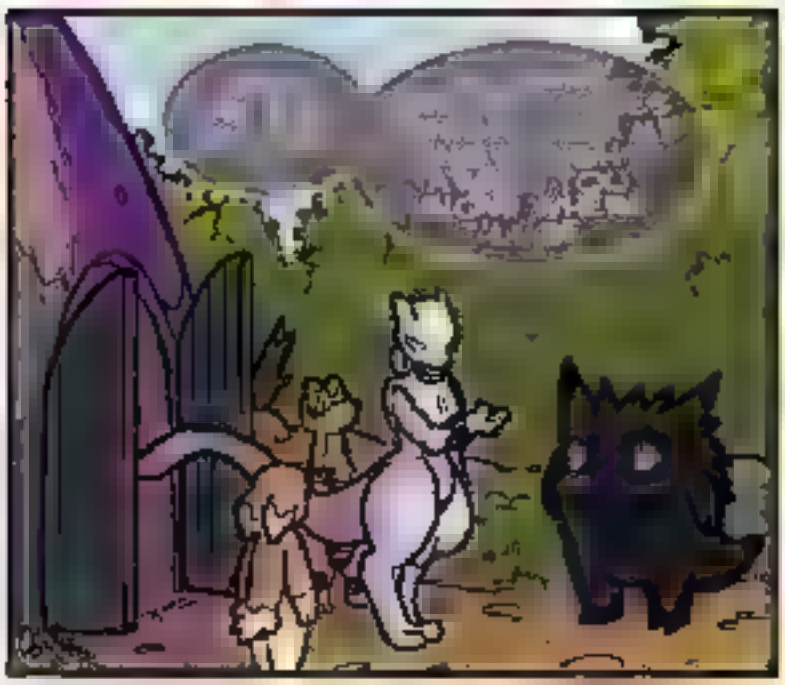
OKAY, WE'RE OUT OF OUR DEPTH HERE.
WHERE'S MEWTWO?
UP AT TEAM A.C.T'S, I THINK

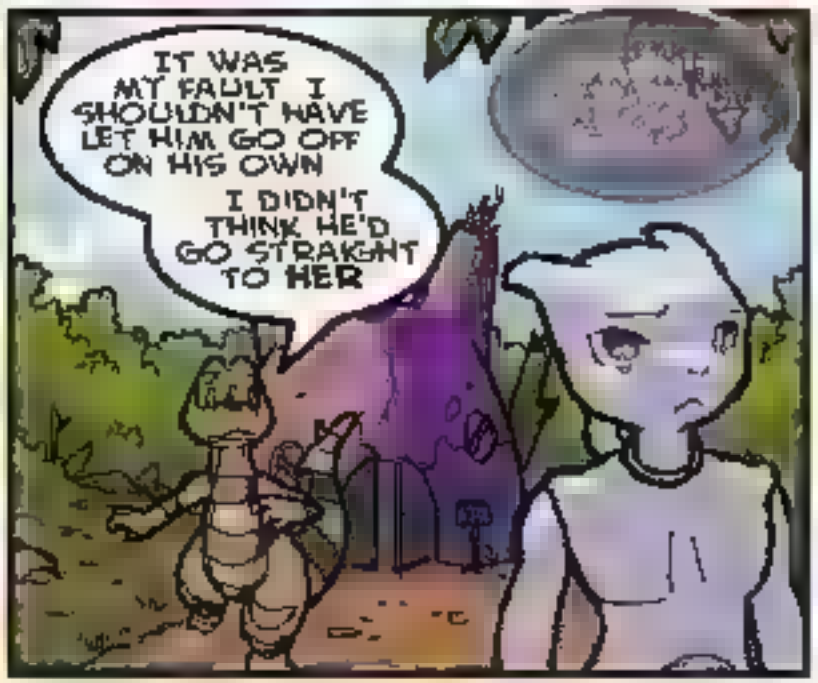
I'LL GO-- I'M FASTEST.
HURRY, GENGAR!


YOU DON'T NEED YOUR FOCUS BLAST I'M NOT DANGEROUS RIGHT NOW.
"OKAY"? THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
THEN YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DOES.
ARE AWARE THAT I'M PSYCHIC
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH---?
YEN LOG BECAUSE ON CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF
I'M WELL AWARE I'M, BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY EASIER
SOMETIMES I WISH I COULD HATE
THERE'S NO MISTRUST HERE, DARKE AND I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW
YOU CAN READ TOO, THEREFORE YOU KNOW

I HEARD YOUR TALK ABOUT "REVERTING"
THERE'S NO CURE FOR THIS IS THERE?

OH NO!
WHAT YOU HEARD WAS OUT OF CONTEXT

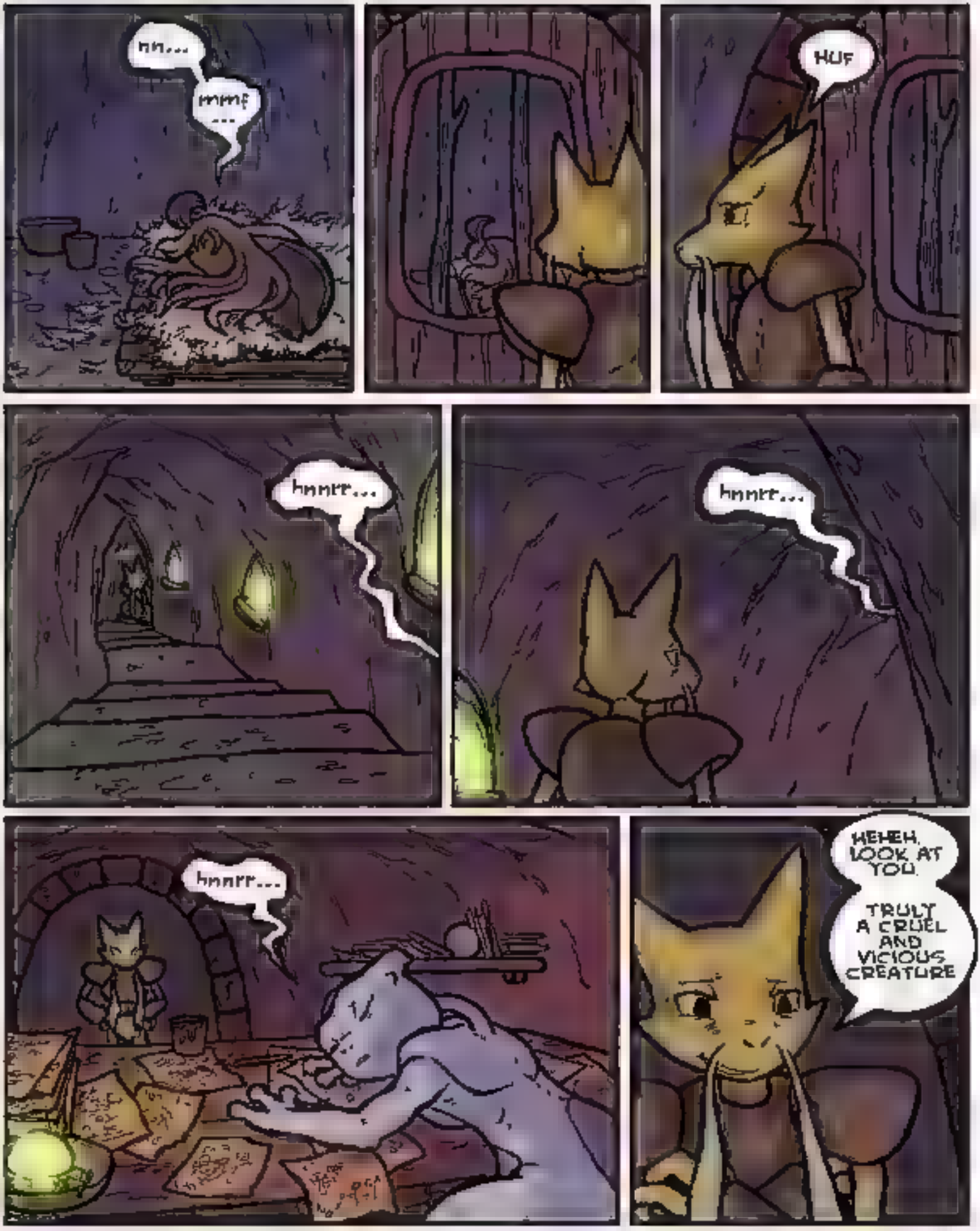


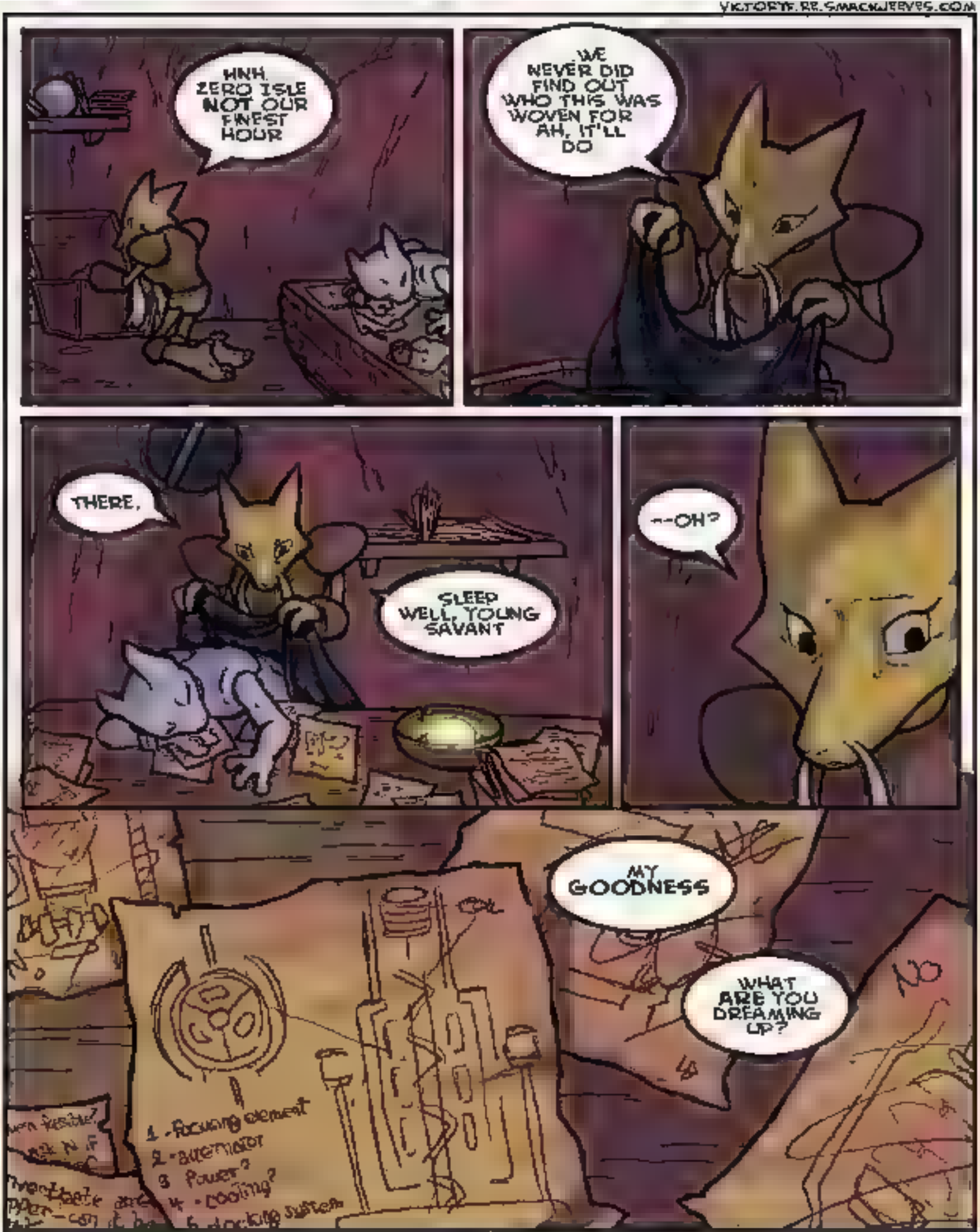

IT WAS MY FAULT I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM GO OFF ON HIS OWN
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D GO STRAIGHT TO HER

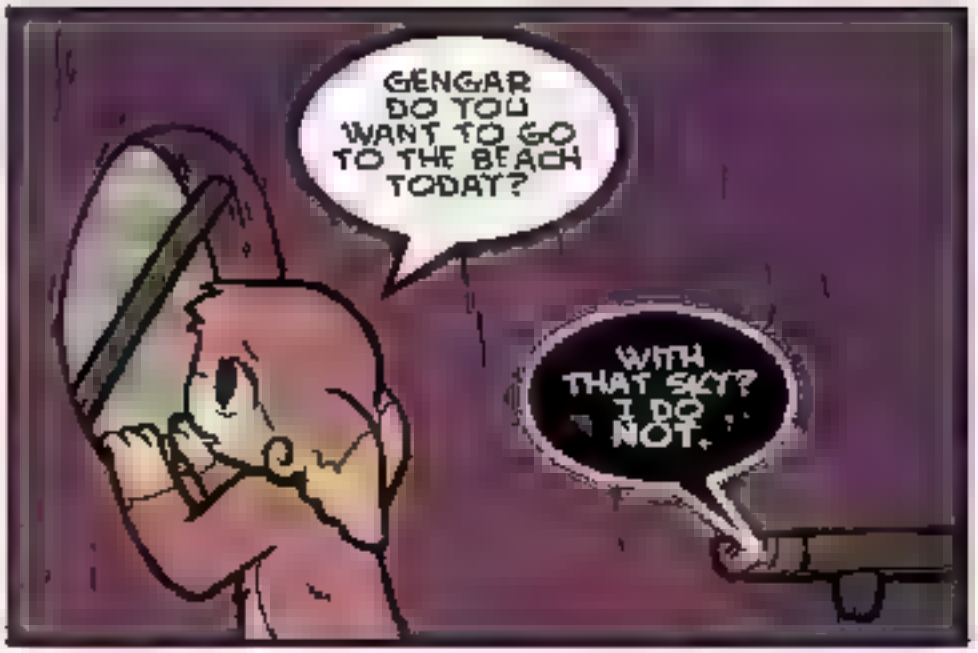
YOU'RE LOOKING A BIT ROUGH

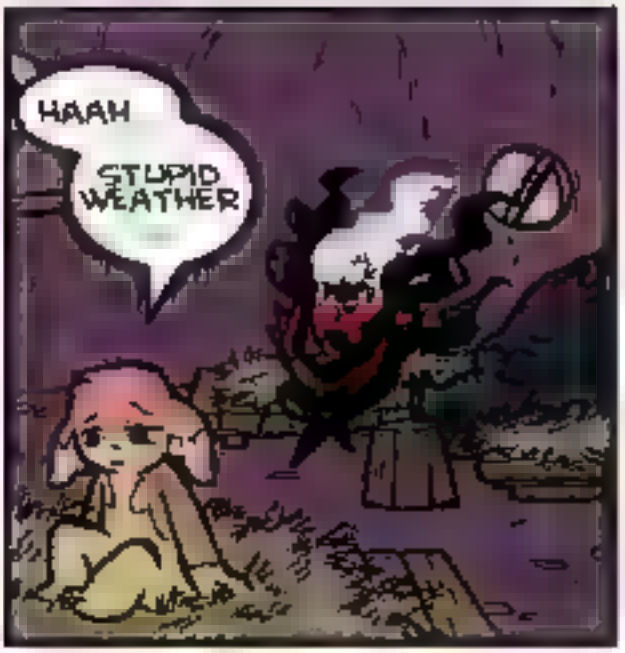
MEWTWO, HE'S CALLING HER HIS PARTNER

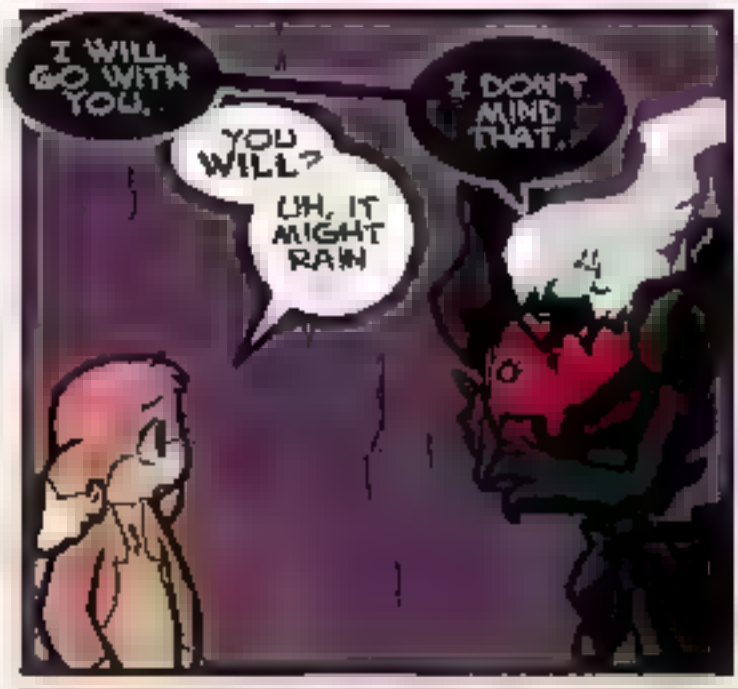
MR GENGAR, MISS JEN, I OWE YOU BOTH AN APOLOGY
OH, NO, NO
IT'S FINE, HONESTLY
WOULD YOU BOTH PLEASE STOP DOING THAT?
LOOK--
Y-YOU'RE ALWAYS SO DELICATE WITH ME--
AND-- I KNOW IT COMES FROM A KIND PLACE--BUT IT'S MAKING ME FEEL LESS STABLE.
LET ME DO ONE NORMAL THING. I WAS RUDE TO YOU AND MR WES-- PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY.
HEH. OKAY. APOLOGY ACCEPTED.
AS LONG AS YOU ACCEPT OURS TOO. WE'VE GOT TO STOP TALKING OVER YOU.
YOU NEVER CHECKED OUT WHAT WE GOT YOU. CANDIED ORANS.
CANDIED ORANS...?
THEY'RE AMAZING
DON'T LET HER STEAL ANY OF YOURS. SHE'S HAD WAY TOO MANY ALREADY.


mm...
mmmf ...
HUF
hmmrr...
hmmrr...
hmmrr...
HEHEH, LOOK AT YOU.
TRULY A CRUEL AND VICIOUS CREATURE


HNH. ZERO ISLE NOT OUR FINEST HOUR
WE NEVER DID FIND OUT WHO THIS WAS WOVEN FOR AH, IT'LL DO
THERE.
SLEEP WELL, YOUNG SAVANT
--OH?
MY GOODNESS
WHAT ARE YOU DREAMING UP?
1 - focusing element
2 - alternator
3 Power?
4 - cooling?

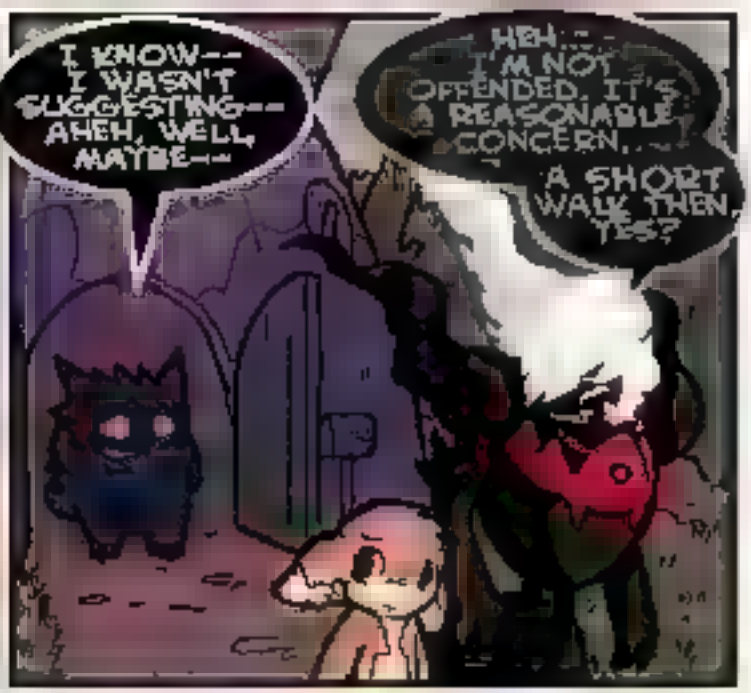

GENGAR DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH TODAY?
WITH THAT SKY? I DO NOT.

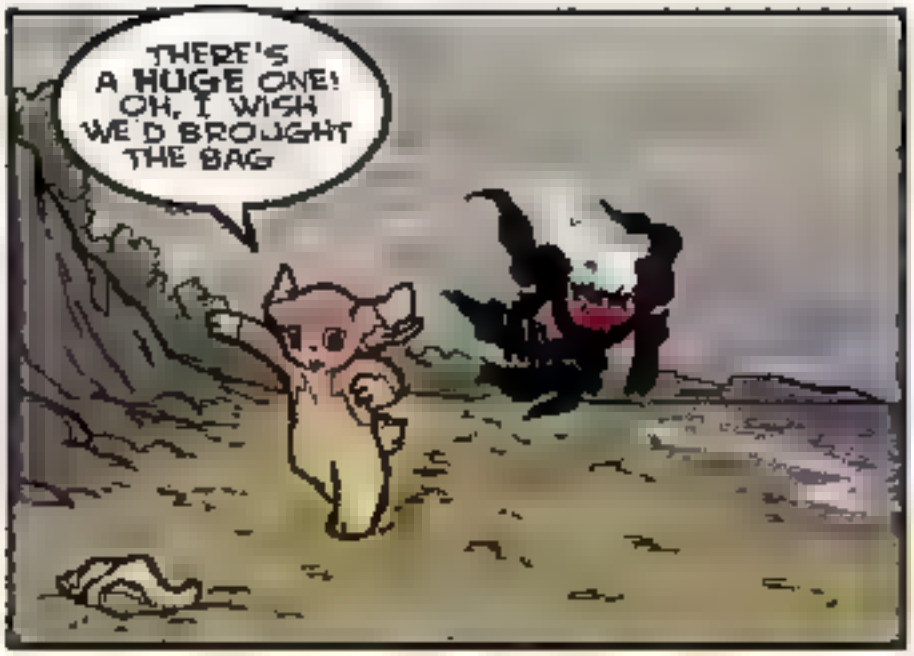

HAAH
STUPID WEATHER


I WILL GO WITH YOU.
I DON'T MIND THAT.
YOU WILL?
UH, IT MIGHT RAIN

--WAIT, WILL YOU TWO BE OKAY? SHOULD I, UH, TAG ALONG--?

AS LONG AS THERE IS ANYTHING LEFT OF ME, I SWEAR THAT I WILL NEVER HARM MISS JEN.


I KNOW-- I WASN'T SUGGESTING-- AHEH, WELL, MAYBE--
HEH... I'M NOT OFFENDED. IT'S A REASONABLE CONCERN.
A SHORT WALK, THEN, YES?

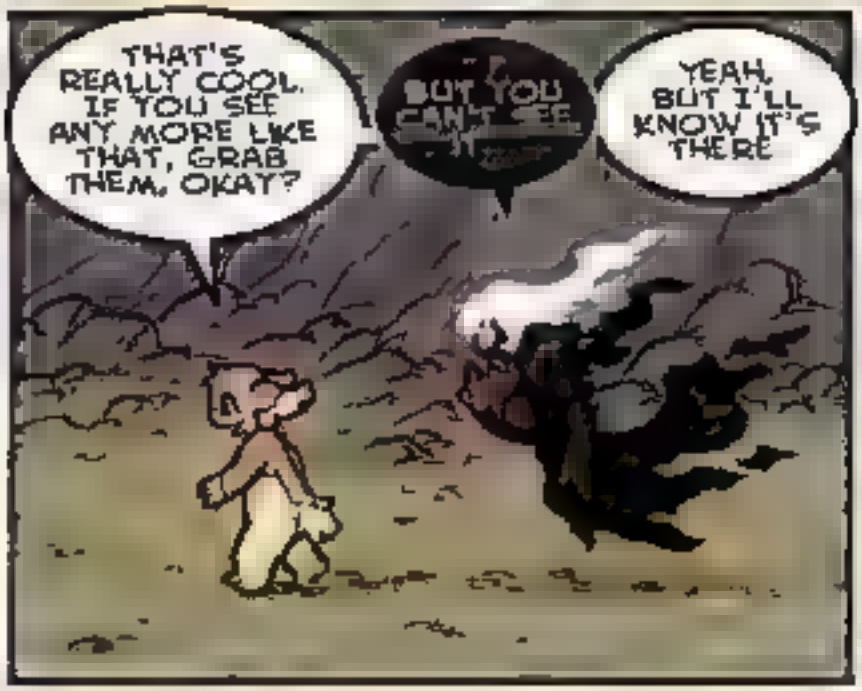

THERE'S A HUGE ONE! OH, I WISH WE'D BROUGHT THE BAG

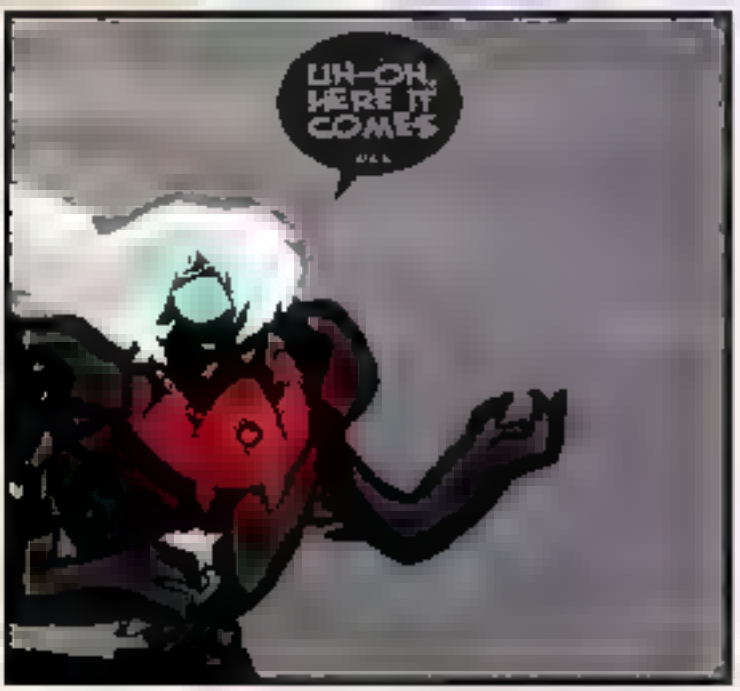
THAT ONE IS NICE. I LIKE THE COLORS.

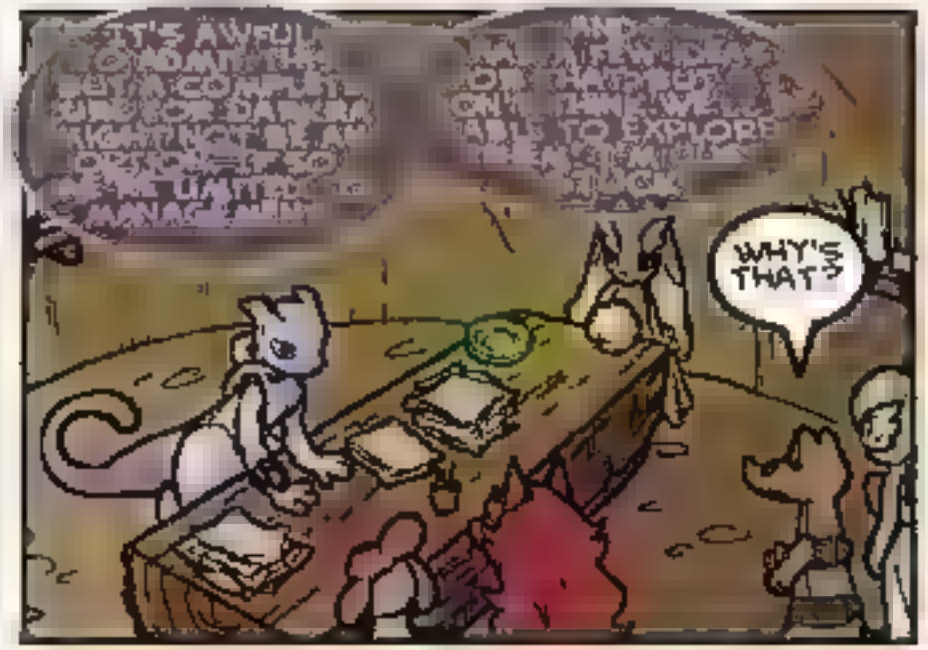
COLORS?
AH, NO? PATTERNS, THEN?

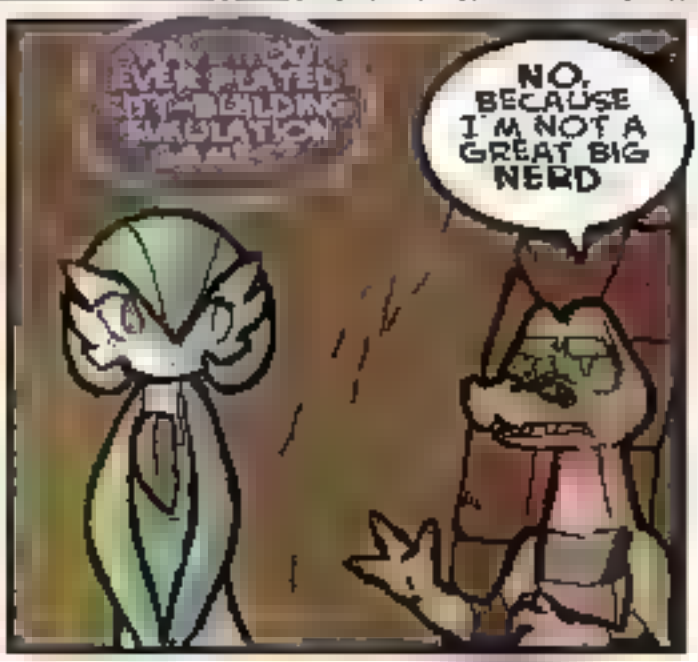
IT LOOKS PLAIN TO ME. WHAT DO YOU SEE?

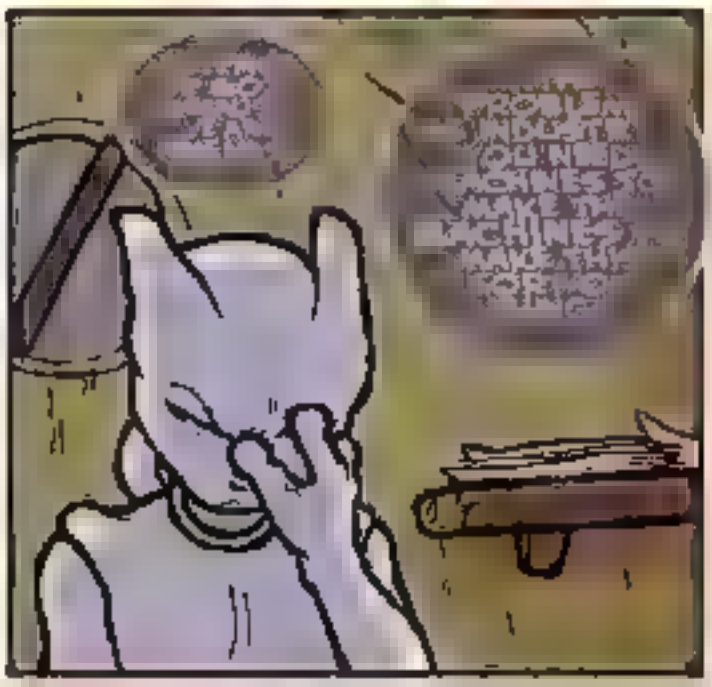
SWIRLS, I GUESS. FERNS, OR FEATHERS. VERY INTRICATE.

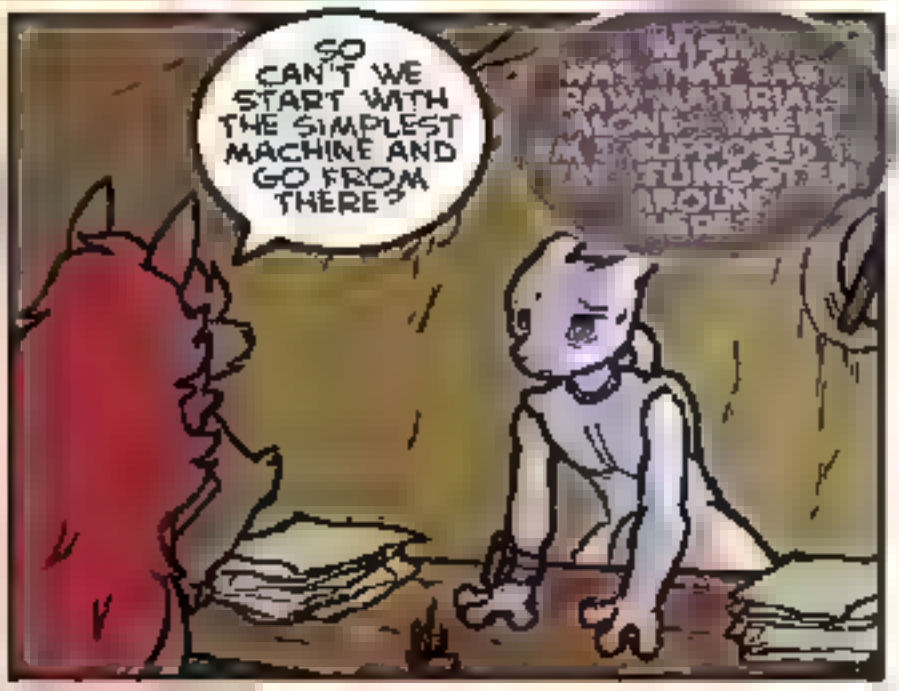

THAT'S REALLY COOL. IF YOU SEE ANY MORE LIKE THAT, GRAB THEM, OKAY?
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT
YEAH, BUT I'LL KNOW IT'S THERE

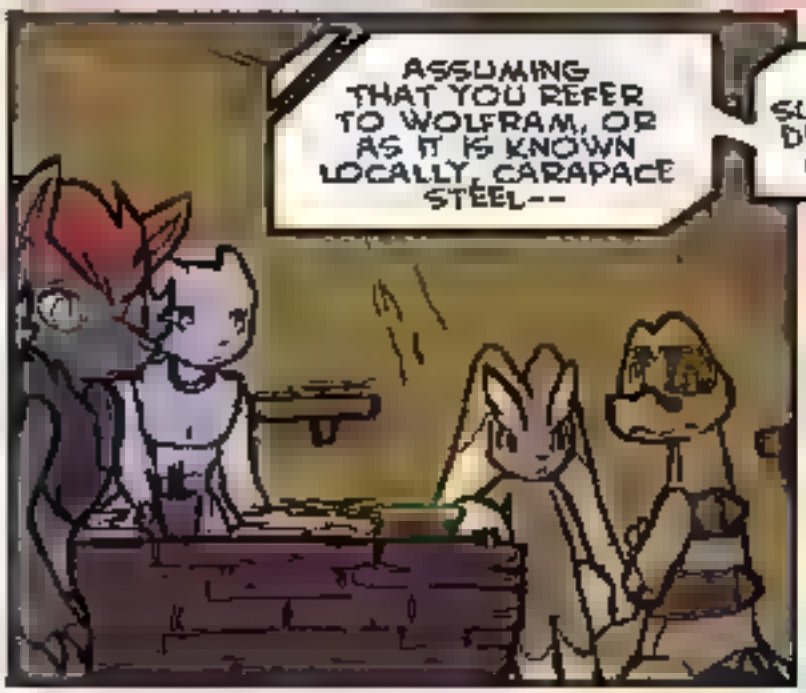

UH-OH. HERE IT COMES

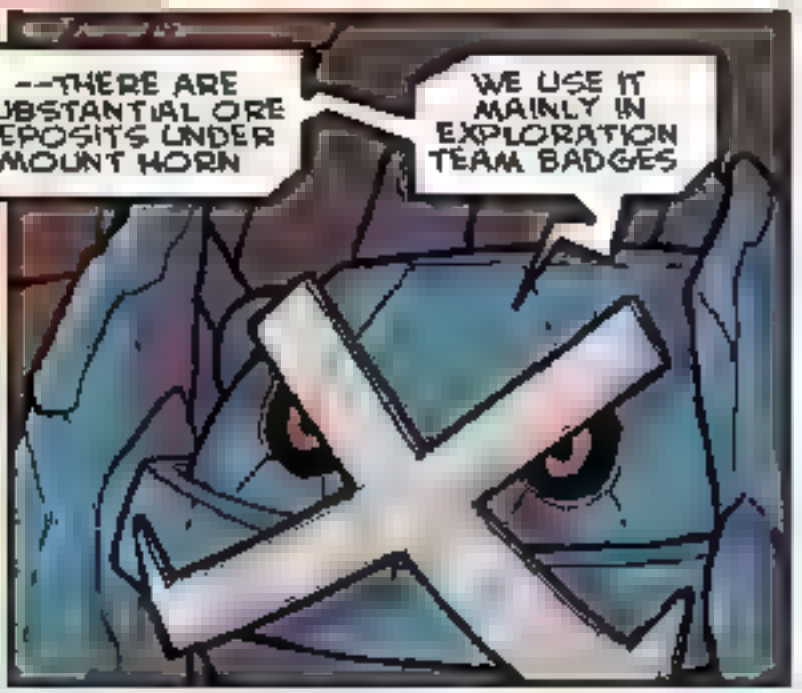

IT'S AWFUL
AND DARK
AND FULL OF
ALL TO EXPLORE
WHY'S THAT?

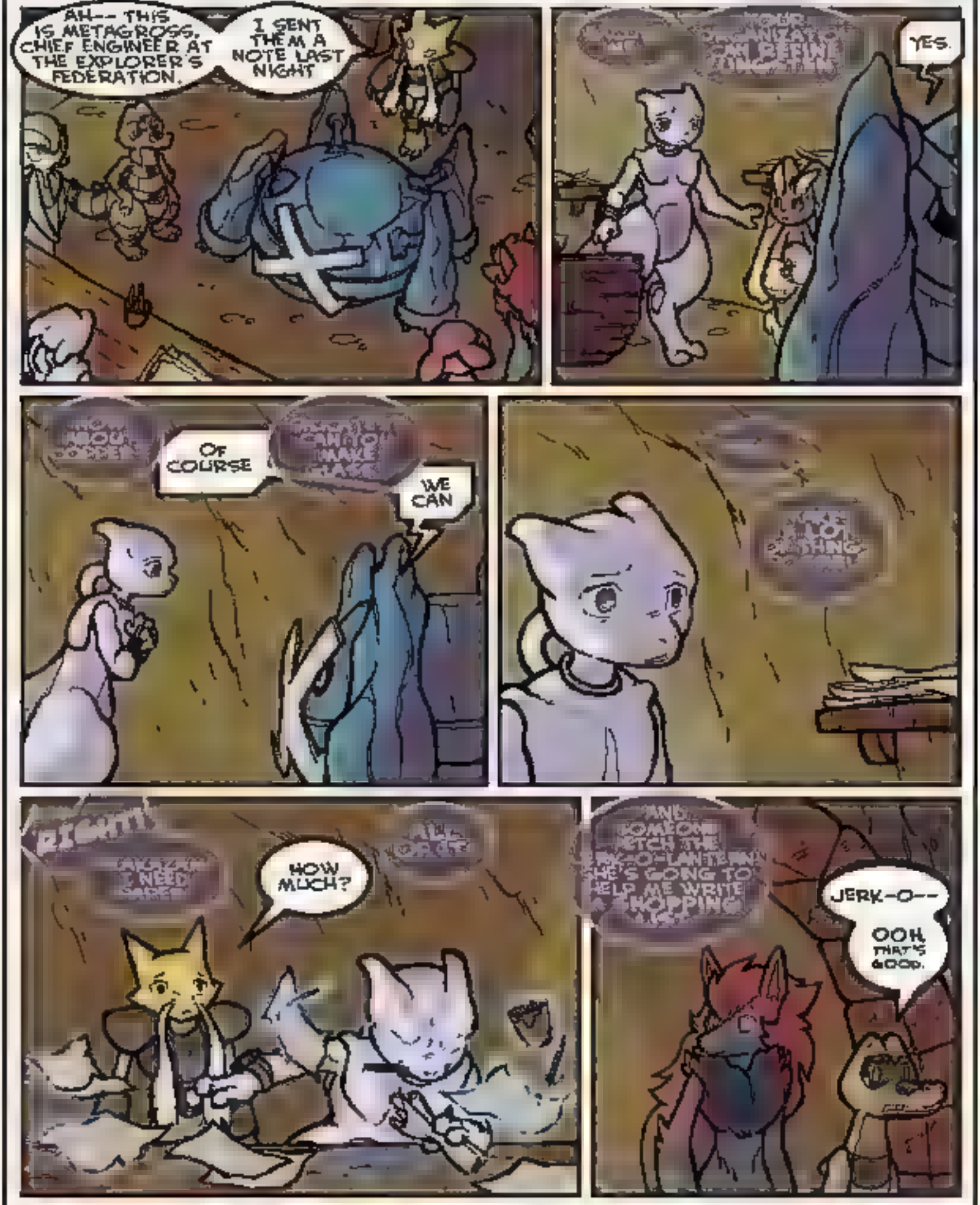

EVER PLAYED
SIMULATION
NO, BECAUSE I'M NOT A GREAT BIG NERD



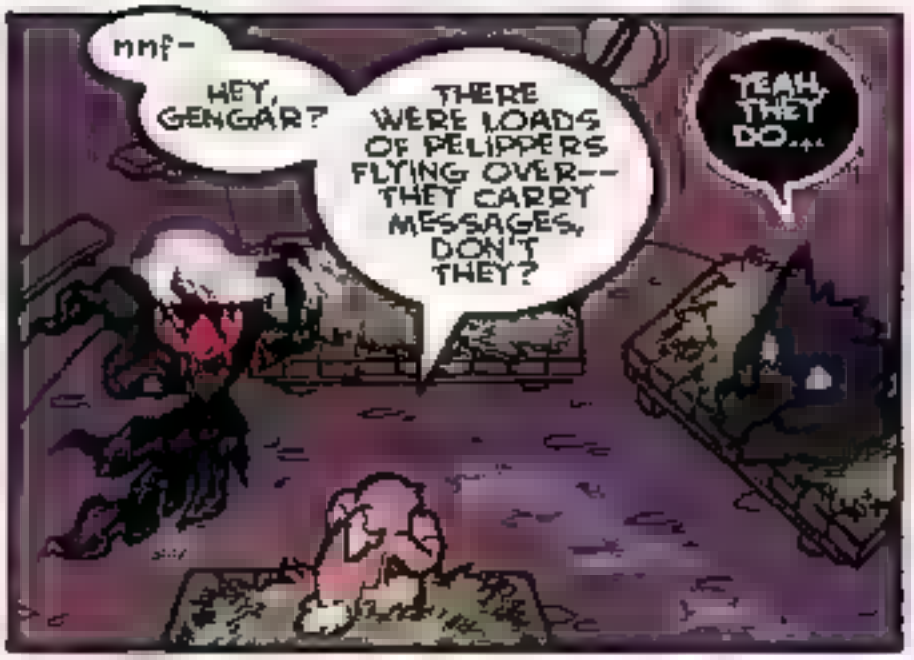

SO CAN'T WE START WITH THE SIMPLEST MACHINE AND GO FROM THERE?


ASSUMING THAT YOU REFER TO WOLFRAM, OR AS IT IS KNOWN LOCALLY, CARAPACE STEEL--

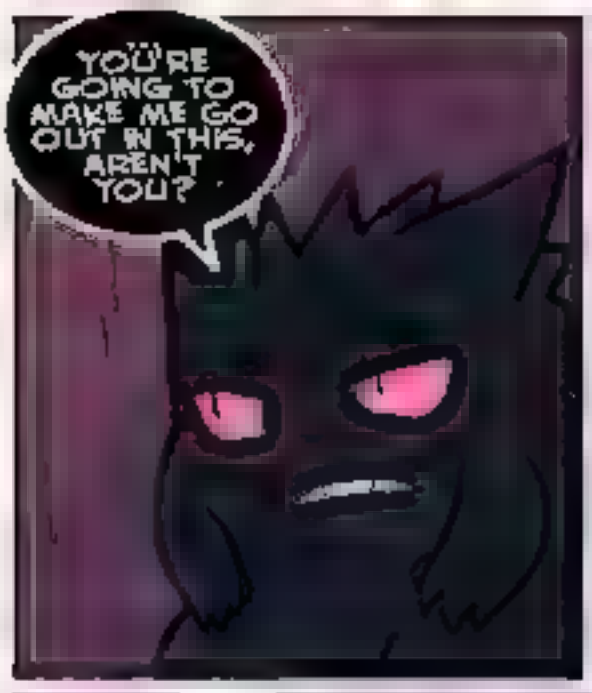

--THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL ORE DEPOSITS UNDER MOUNT HORN
WE USE IT MAINLY IN EXPLORATION TEAM BADGES


AH-- THIS IS METAGROSS, CHIEF ENGINEER AT THE EXPLORER'S FEDERATION.
I SENT THEM A NOTE LAST NIGHT
YES.
OF COURSE
WE CAN
RIGHT!
I NEED
HOW MUCH?
AND SOMEONE BITCH THE JACK-O-LANTERN SHE'S GOING TO HELP ME WRITE
JERK-O--
OOH, THAT'S GOOD.

GAA!
HUFF
HUFF
HAH
...WELL, I TOTALLY REGRET STAYING IN NOW.
CLOSE THE DOOR.
HEHEH.
AW, YOU SHOULD'VE COME! IT WAS FUN!
YOU'RE DRIPPING ALL OVER MY FLOOR.
PFFF--

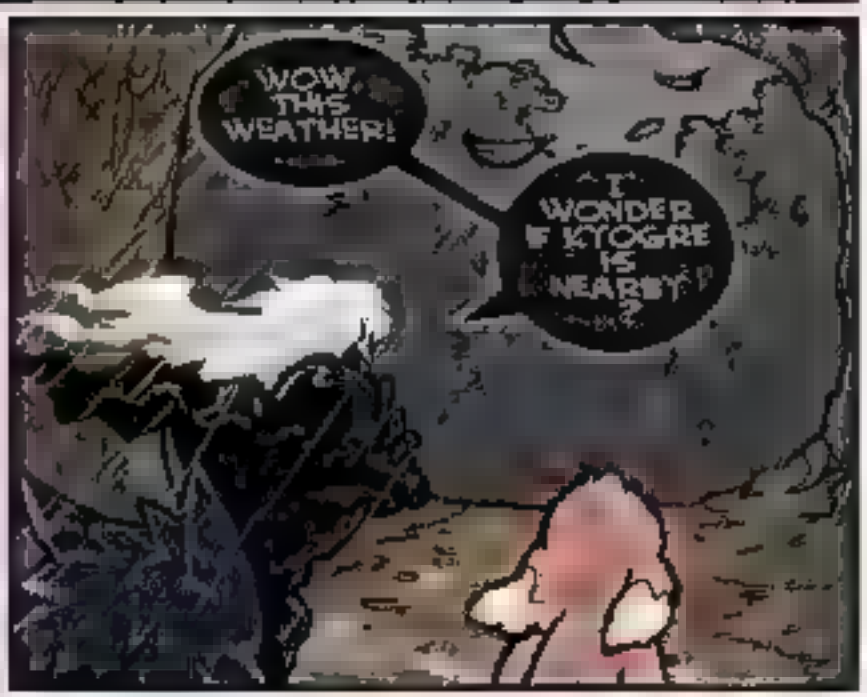

mmf-
HEY, GENGAR?
THERE WERE LOADS OF PELIPPERS FLYING OVER-- THEY CARRY MESSAGES, DON'T THEY?
YEAH, THEY DO...

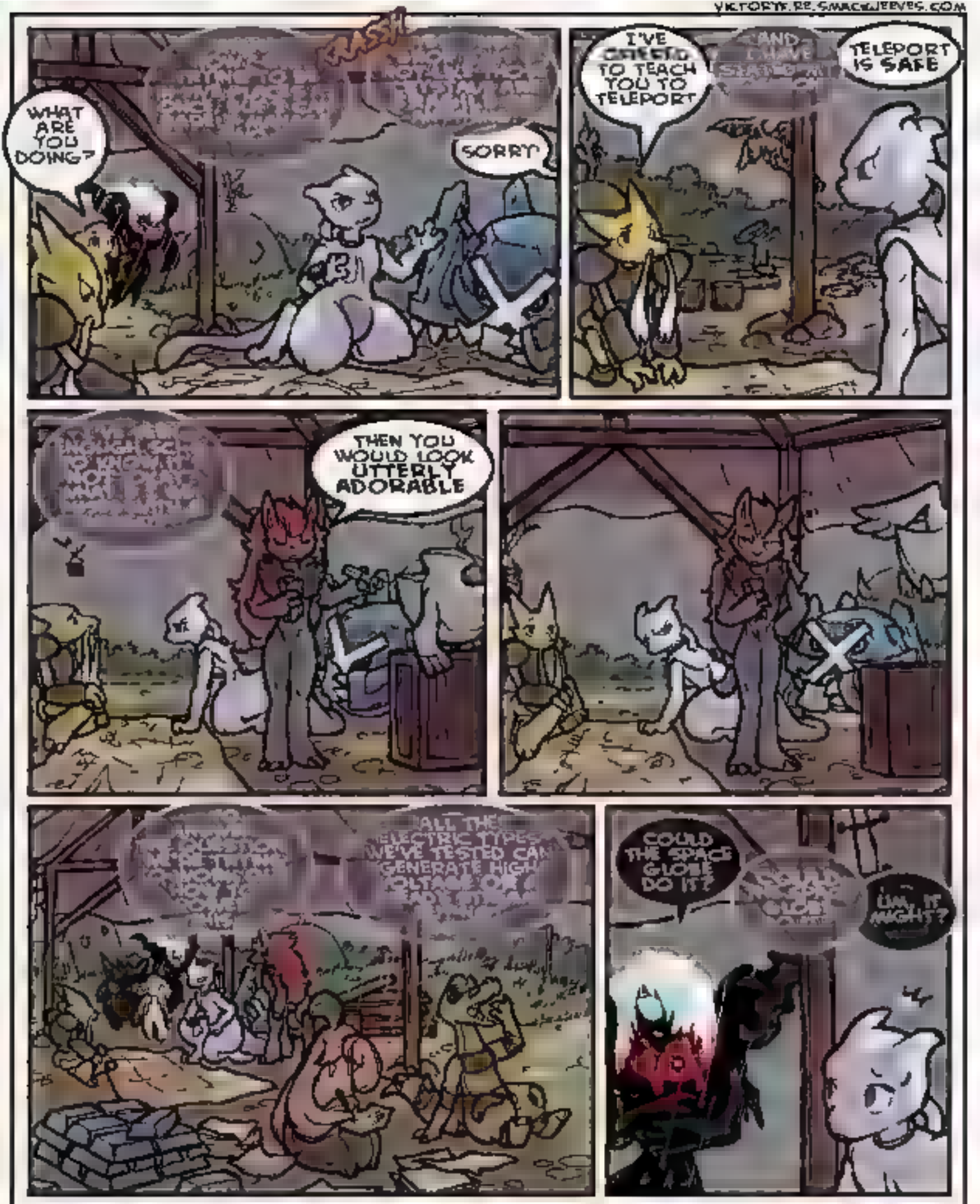
DO YOU THINK IT'S TO DO WITH ME?
I CAN'T SEE WHAT ELSE IT COULD BE

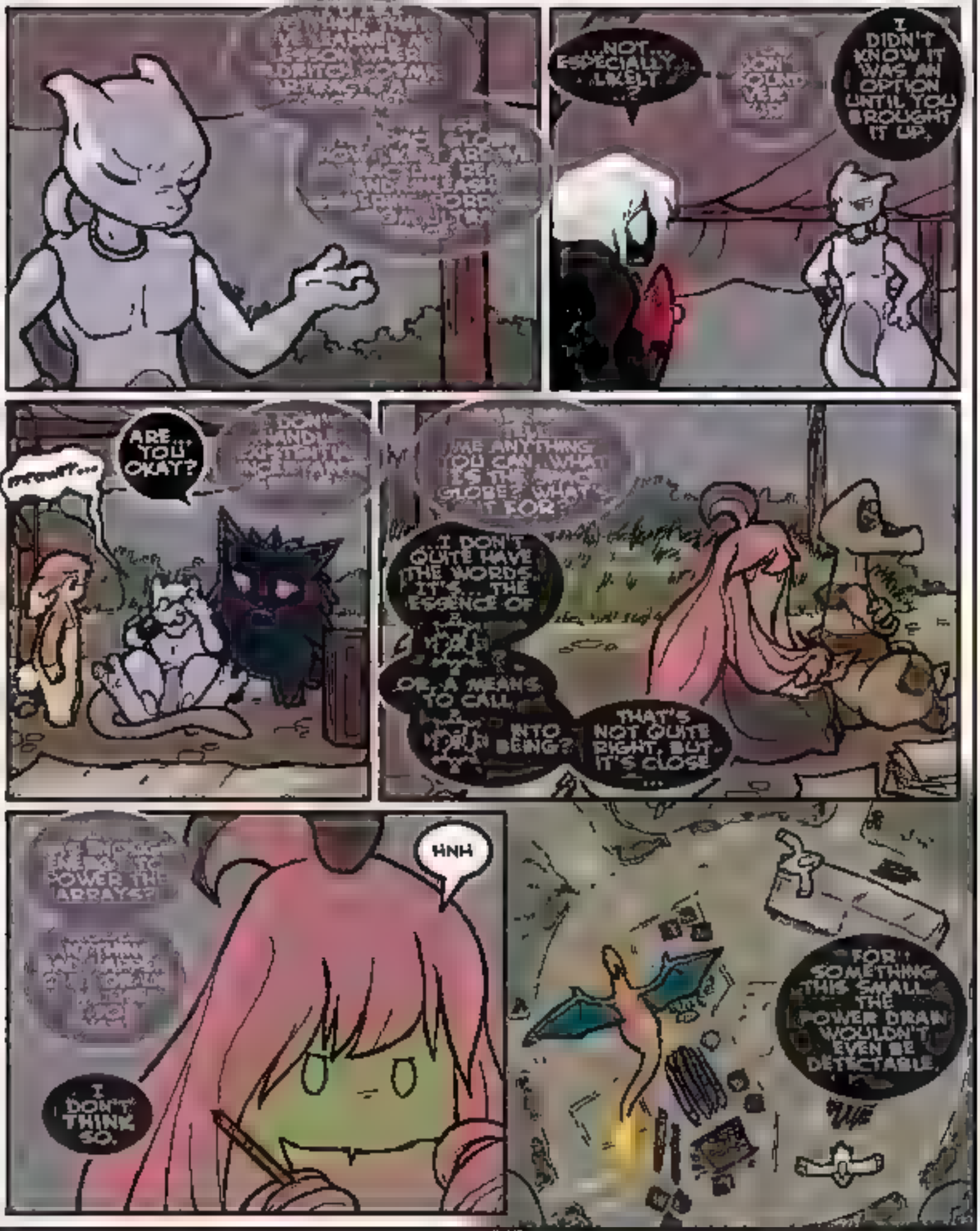

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME GO OUT IN THIS, AREN'T YOU?

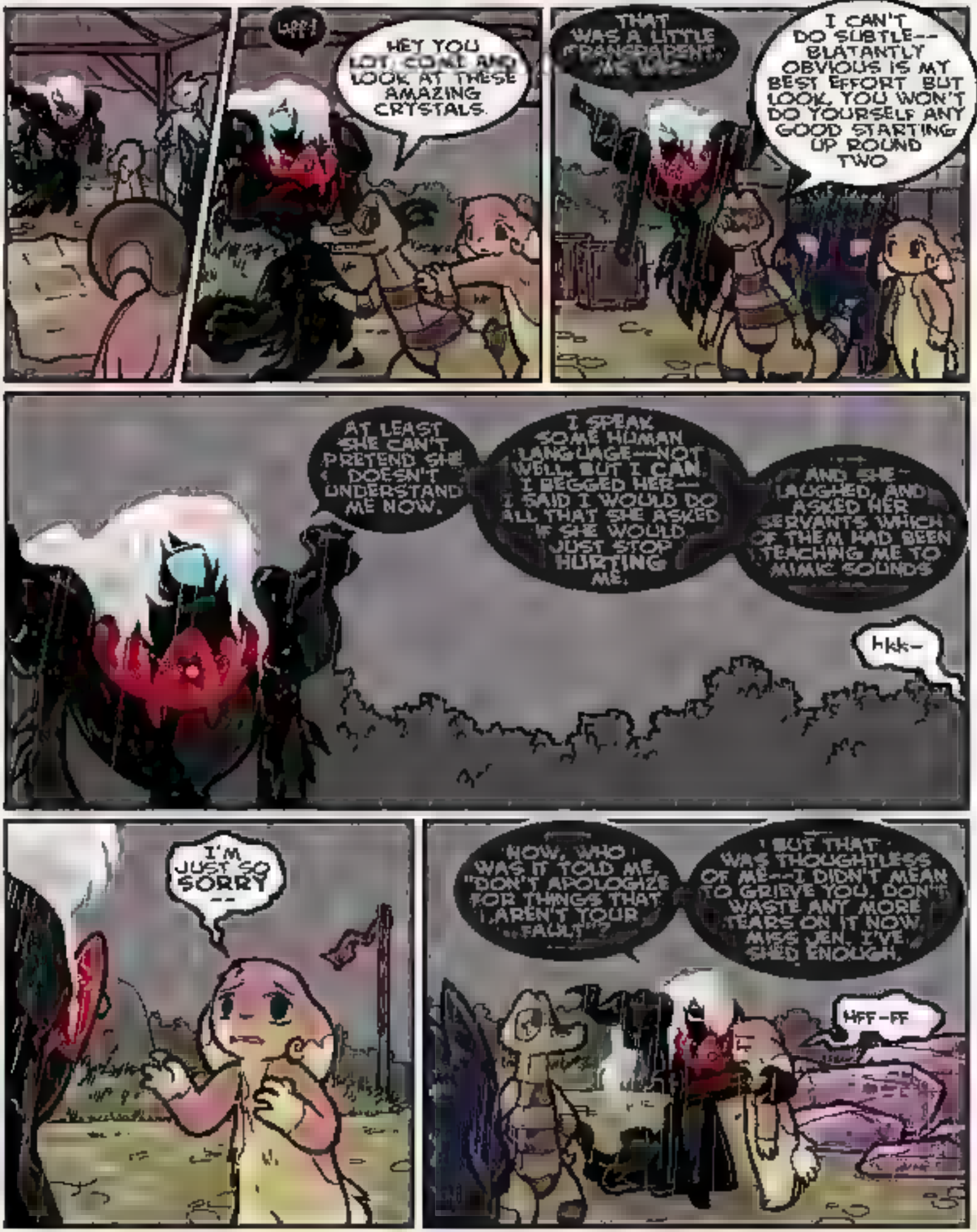
I SHOULD GO TO THE VILLAGE, AT LEAST...
IF IT IS ABOUT ME, I'LL BE WANTED THERE SOONER OR LATER...

OKAY...
LET'S GO...
THANKS, GENGAR


WOW, THIS WEATHER!
I WONDER IF KYOGRE IS NEARBY?


FLASH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SORRY
I'VE CAME TO TEACH YOU TO TELEPORT
AND I HAVE
TELEPORT IS SAFE
THEN YOU WOULD LOOK UTTERLY ADORABLE
ALL THE ELECTRIC TYPES WE'VE TESTED CAN GENERATE HIGH
COULD THE SPACE GLOBE DO IT?
UM, IT MIGHT?


NOT ESPECIALLY LIKELY...
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS AN OPTION UNTIL YOU BROUGHT IT UP.
ARE YOU OKAY?
I DON'T QUITE HAVE THE WORDS. IT'S... THE ESSENCE OF A... OR A MEANS TO CALL... INTO BEING?
THAT'S NOT QUITE RIGHT, BUT IT'S CLOSE...
HNH
I DON'T THINK SO.
FOR SOMETHING THIS SMALL, THE POWER DRAIN WOULDN'T EVEN BE DETECTABLE.


HEY YOU LOT, COME AND LOOK AT THESE AMAZING CRYSTALS.
THAT WAS A LITTLE TRANSPARENT, EVEN FOR YOU.
I CAN'T DO SUBTLE-- BLATANTLY OBVIOUS IS MY BEST EFFORT. BUT LOOK, YOU WON'T DO YOURSELF ANY GOOD STARTING UP ROUND TWO
AT LEAST SHE CAN'T PRETEND SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ME NOW.
I SPEAK SOME HUMAN LANGUAGE--NOT WELL, BUT I CAN. I BEGGED HER-- I SAID I WOULD DO ALL THAT SHE ASKED IF SHE WOULD JUST STOP HURTING ME.
AND SHE-- LAUGHED, AND ASKED HER SERVANTS WHICH OF THEM HAD BEEN TEACHING ME TO MIMIC SOUNDS
hkk-
I'M JUST SO SORRY --
HOW, WHO WAS IT TOLD ME, "DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR THINGS THAT AREN'T YOUR ...FAULT"?
BUT THAT WAS THOUGHTLESS OF ME--I DIDN'T MEAN TO GRIEVE YOU. DON'T WASTE ANY MORE TEARS ON IT NOW, MISS JEN. I'VE SHED ENOUGH.
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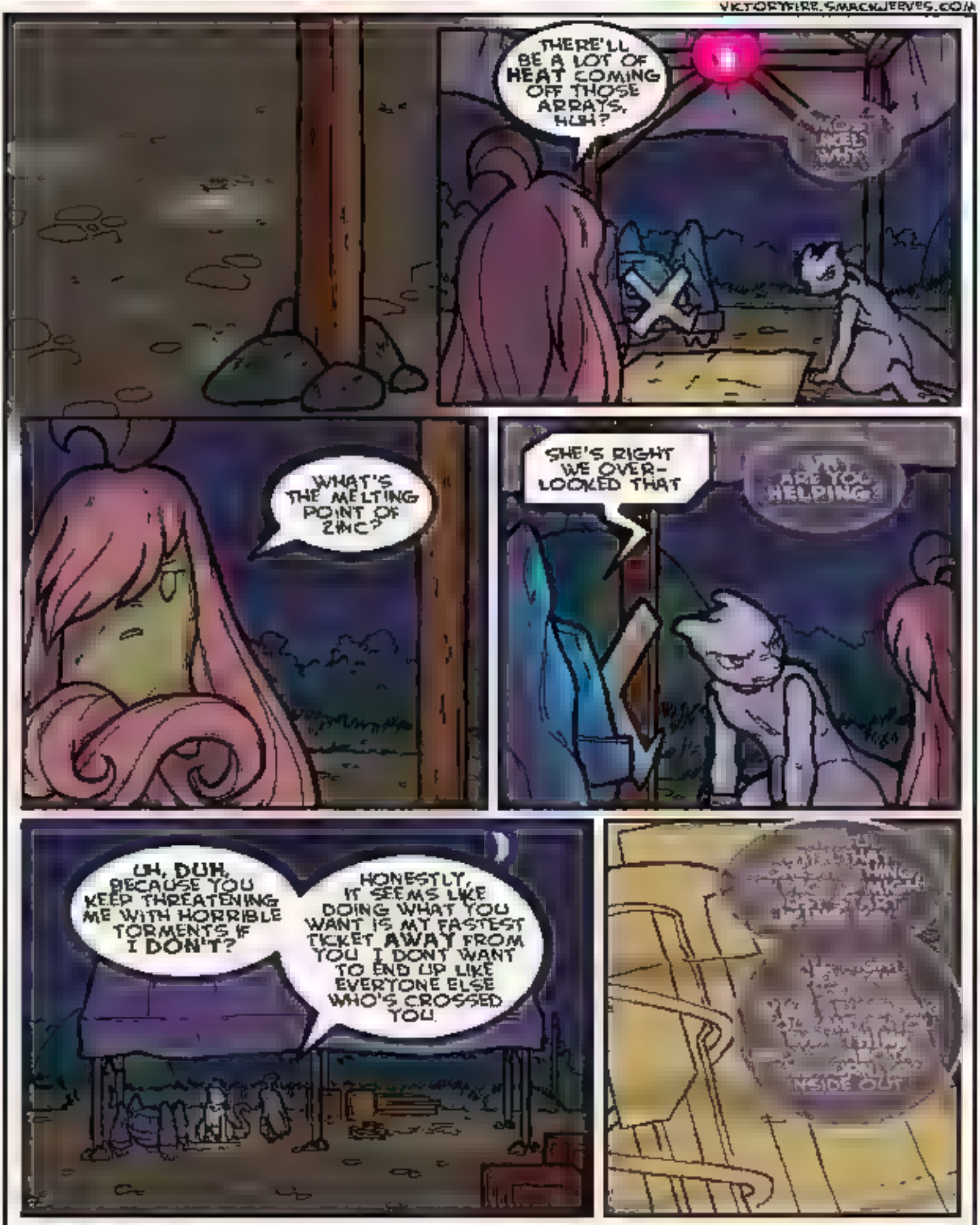
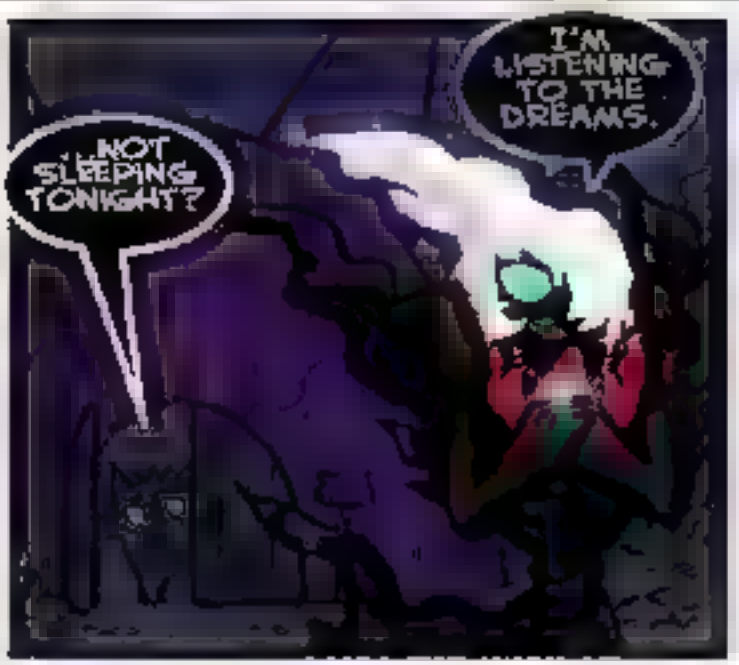
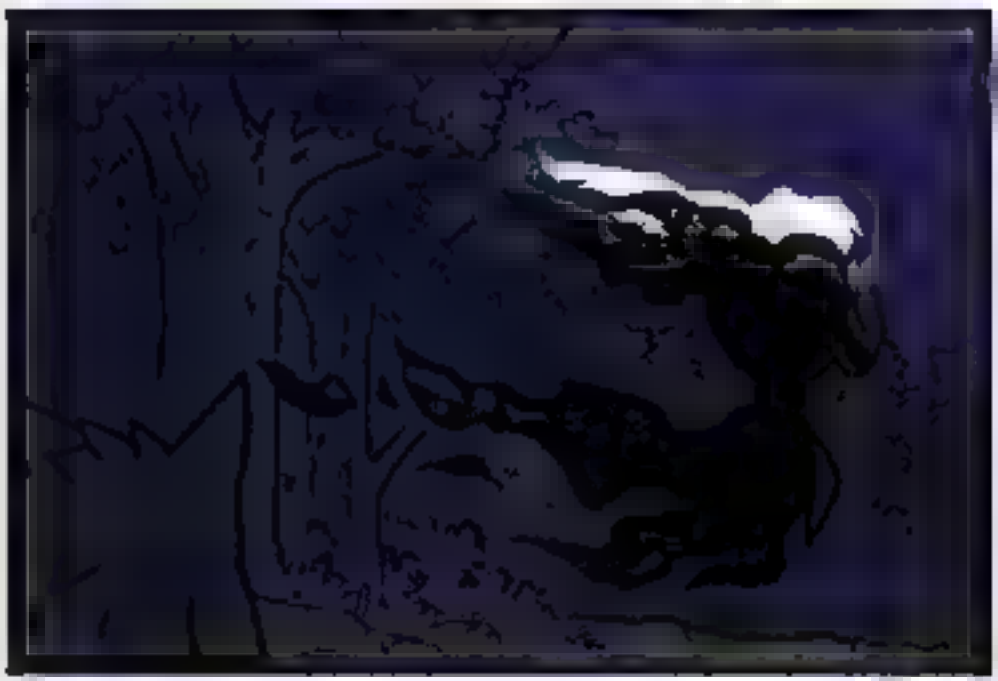
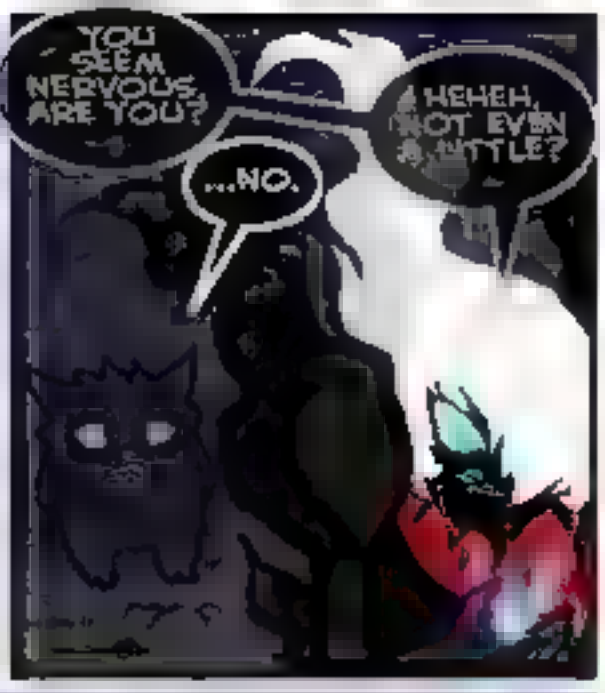
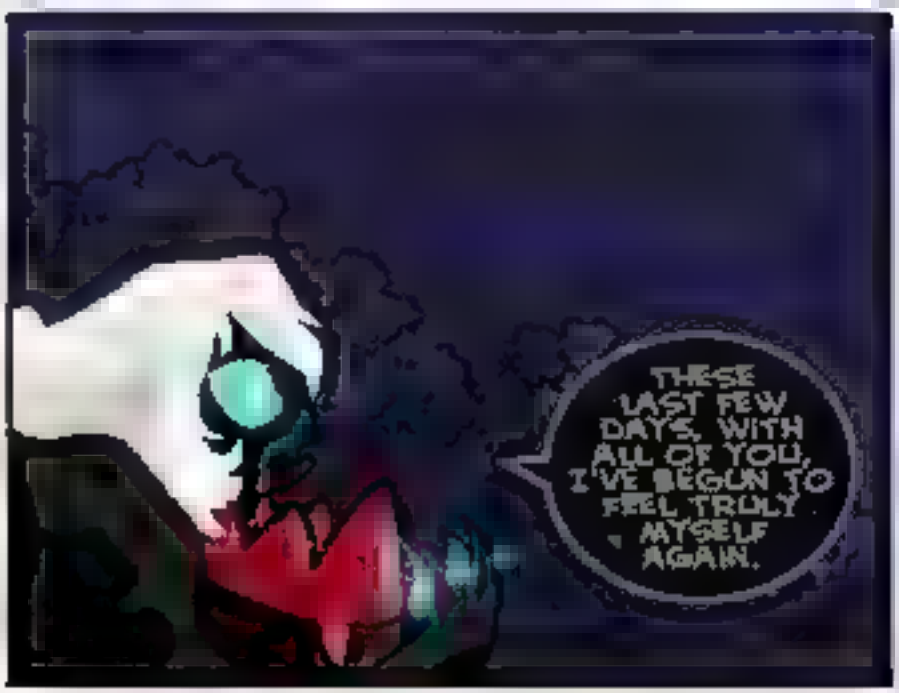

THERE'LL BE A LOT OF HEAT COMING OFF THOSE ARRAYS, HUH?
WHAT'S THE MELTING POINT OF ZINC?
SHE'S RIGHT WE OVER-LOOKED THAT
ARE YOU HELPING?
UH, DUH, BECAUSE YOU KEEP THREATENING ME WITH HORRIBLE TORMENTS IF I DON'T?
HONESTLY, IT SEEMS LIKE DOING WHAT YOU WANT IS MY FASTEST TICKET AWAY FROM YOU I DONT WANT TO END UP LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WHO'S CROSSED YOU.
INSIDE OUT

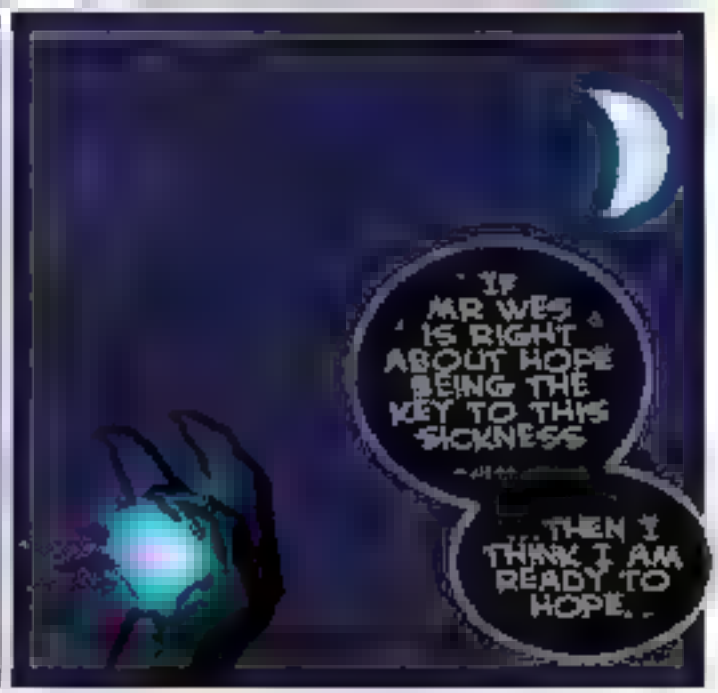

I'M LISTENING TO THE DREAMS.
NOT SLEEPING TONIGHT?

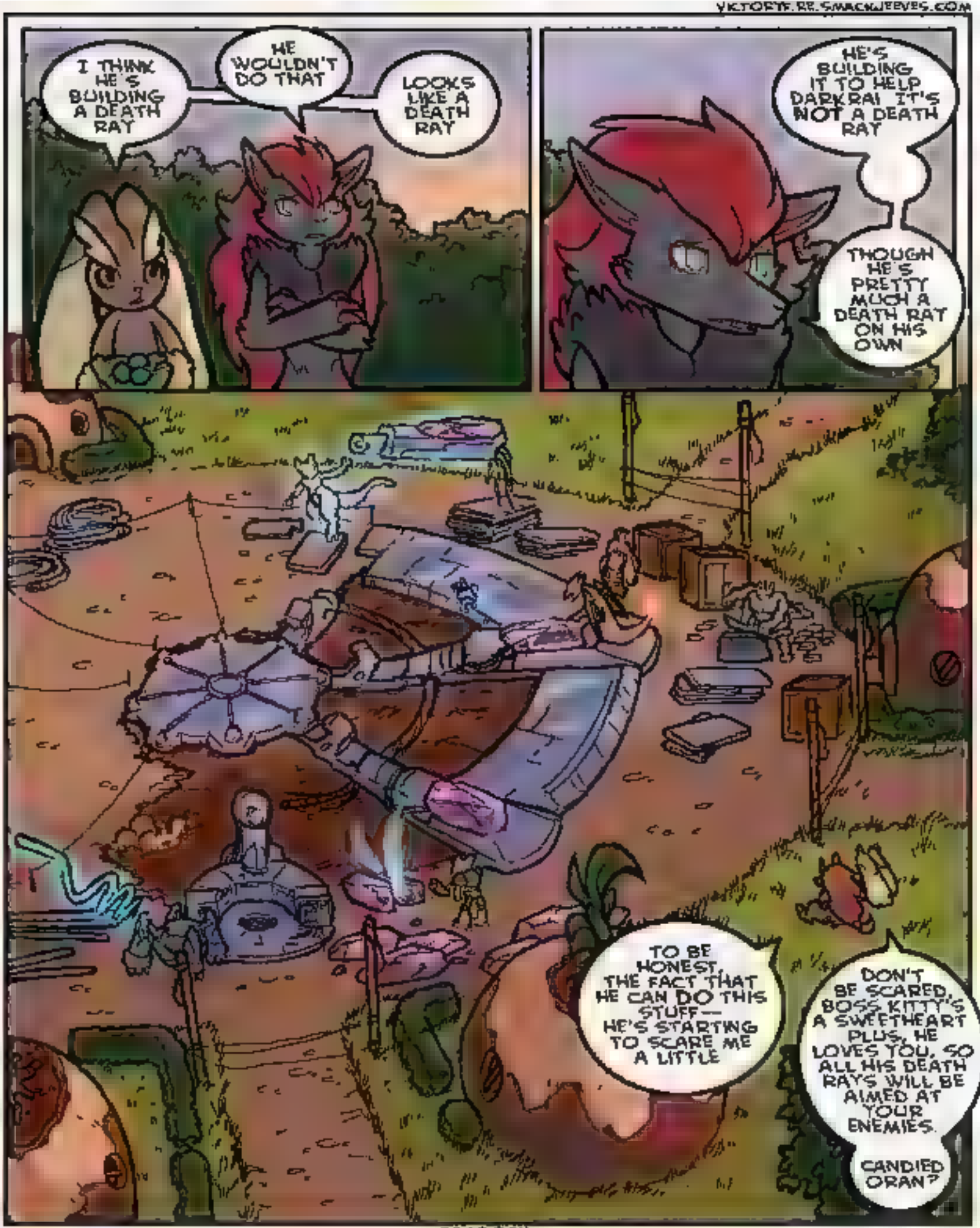
YOU— HUH?
SO MANY PEACEFUL DREAMERS TONIGHT. I NEVER EXPERIENCED A SERENE DREAMSCAPE BEFORE... —
MY PRESENCE WOULD HAVE STIRRED IT INTO A STORM.

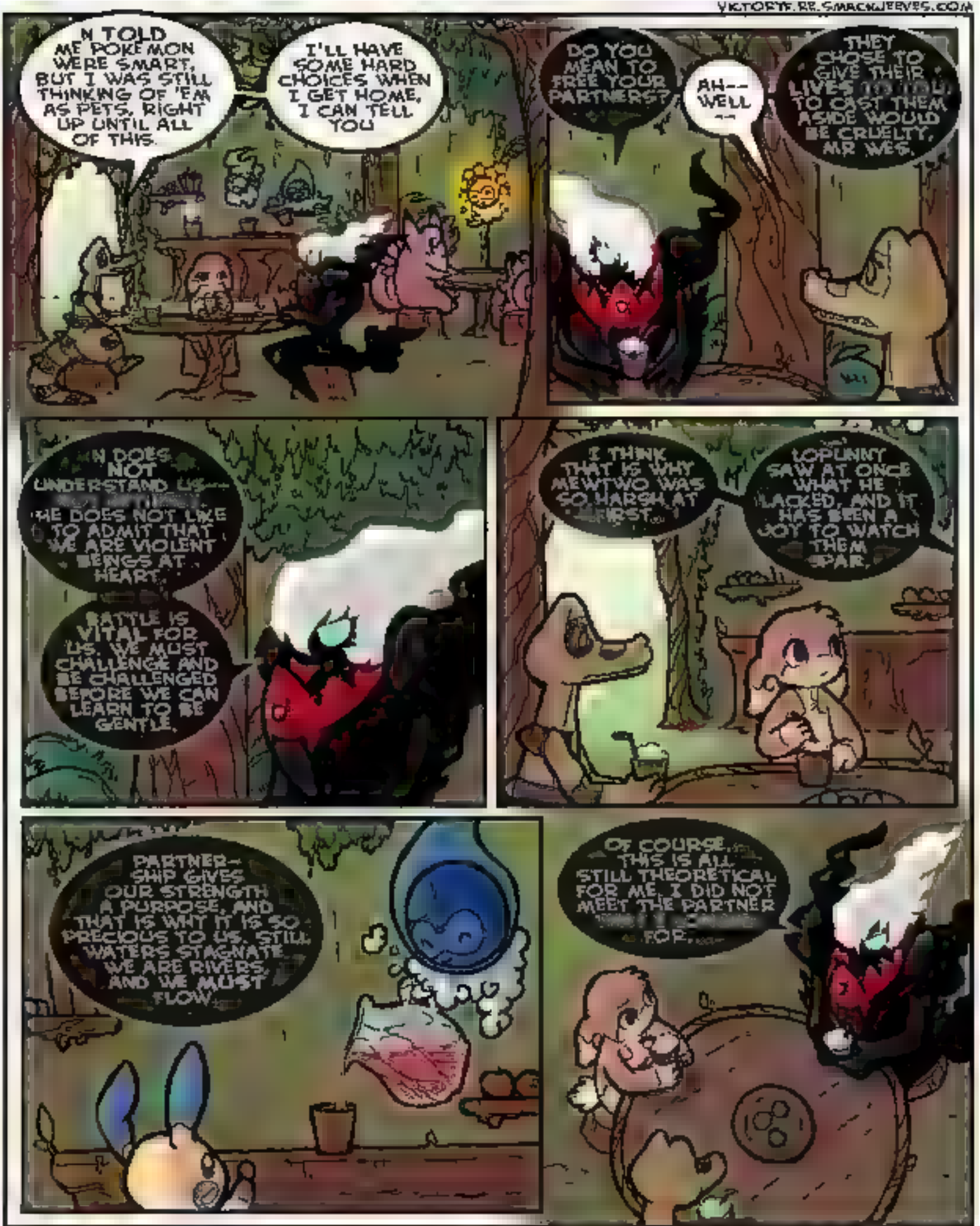



YOU SEEM NERVOUS, ARE YOU?
...NO.
HEHEH. NOT EVEN A LITTLE?

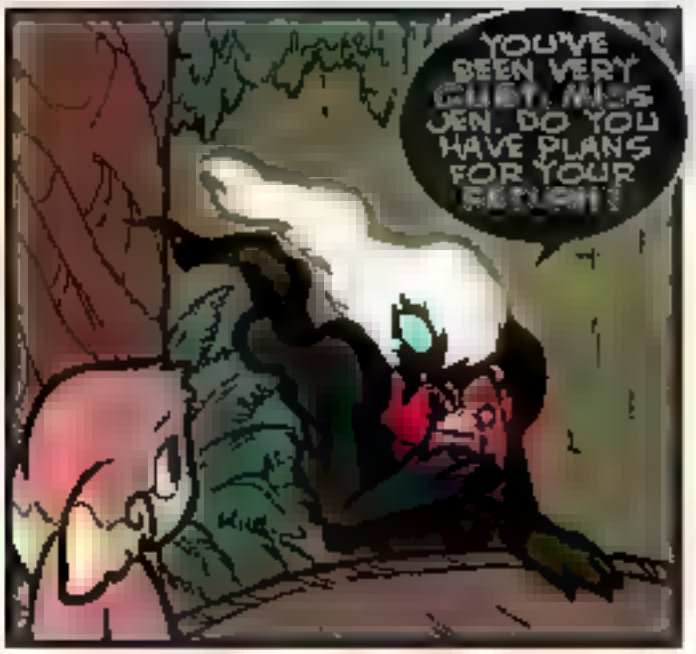

THESE LAST FEW DAYS, WITH ALL OF YOU, I'VE BEGUN TO FEEL TRULY MYSELF AGAIN.


IF MR WES IS RIGHT ABOUT HOPE BEING THE KEY TO THIS SICKNESS
...THEN I THINK I AM READY TO HOPE.

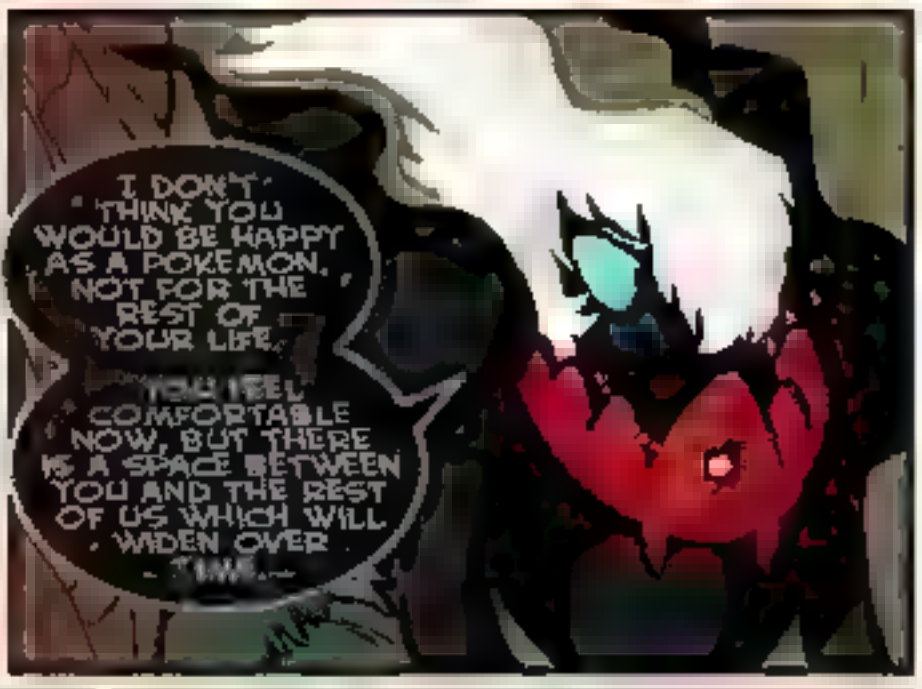

I THINK HE'S BUILDING A DEATH RAY
HE WOULDN'T DO THAT
LOOKS LIKE A DEATH RAY
HE'S BUILDING IT TO HELP DARKRAI IT'S NOT A DEATH RAY
THOUGH HE'S PRETTY MUCH A DEATH RAT ON HIS OWN
TO BE HONEST, THE FACT THAT HE CAN DO THIS STUFF— HE'S STARTING TO SCARE ME A LITTLE
DON'T BE SCARED, BOSS KITTY'S A SWEETHEART PLUS, HE LOVES YOU, SO ALL HIS DEATH RAYS WILL BE AIMED AT YOUR ENEMIES.
CANDIED ORAN?

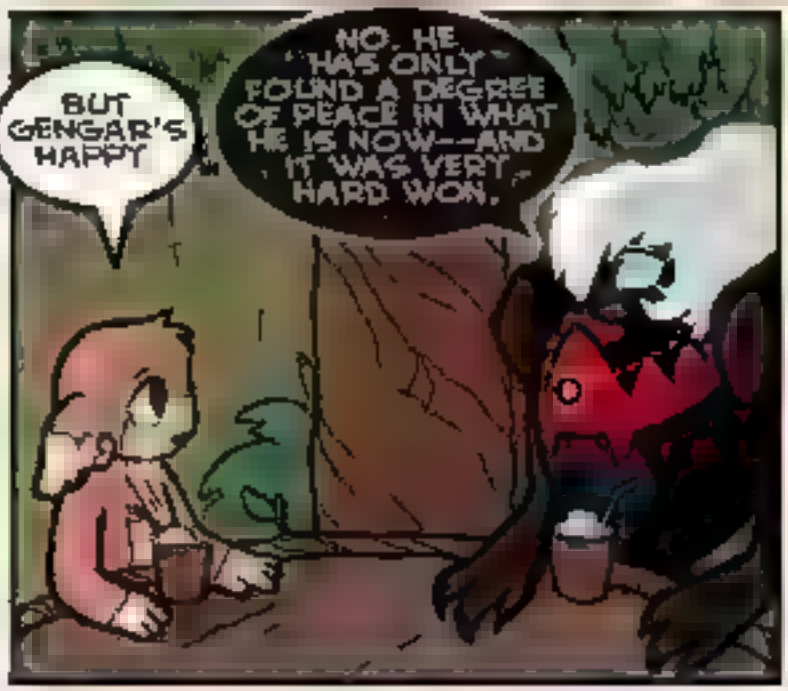

N TOLD ME POKEMON WERE SMART, BUT I WAS STILL THINKING OF 'EM AS PETS, RIGHT UP UNTIL ALL OF THIS.
I'LL HAVE SOME HARD CHOICES WHEN I GET HOME. I CAN TELL YOU
DO YOU MEAN TO FREE YOUR PARTNERS?
AH-- WELL --
THEY CHOSE TO GIVE THEIR LIVES TO YOU. TO CAST THEM ASIDE WOULD BE CRUELTY, MR WES.
N DOES NOT UNDERSTAND US.
HE DOES NOT LIKE TO ADMIT THAT WE ARE VIOLENT BEINGS AT HEART.
BATTLE IS VITAL FOR US. WE MUST CHALLENGE AND BE CHALLENGED BEFORE WE CAN LEARN TO BE GENTLE.
I THINK THAT IS WHY MEWTWO WAS SO HARSH AT FIRST...
LOPUNNY SAW AT ONCE WHAT HE LACKED, AND IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO WATCH THEM SPAR.
PARTNER-SHIP GIVES OUR STRENGTH A PURPOSE, AND THAT IS WHY IT IS SO PRECIOUS TO US. STILL WATERS STAGNATE WE ARE RIVERS, AND WE MUST FLOW.
OF COURSE, THIS IS ALL STILL THEORETICAL FOR ME. I DID NOT MEET THE PARTNER I WAS FOR...

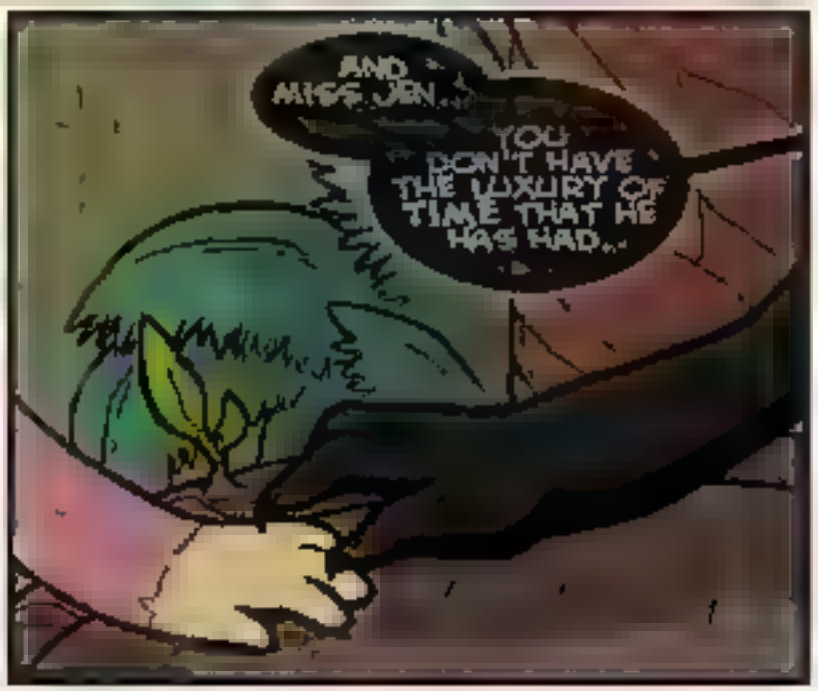
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING YOU HERE -- WHEN DID YOU GET TO BE SO DEEP?
HEH... WELL, I AM A LITTLE OLDER THAN YOU.

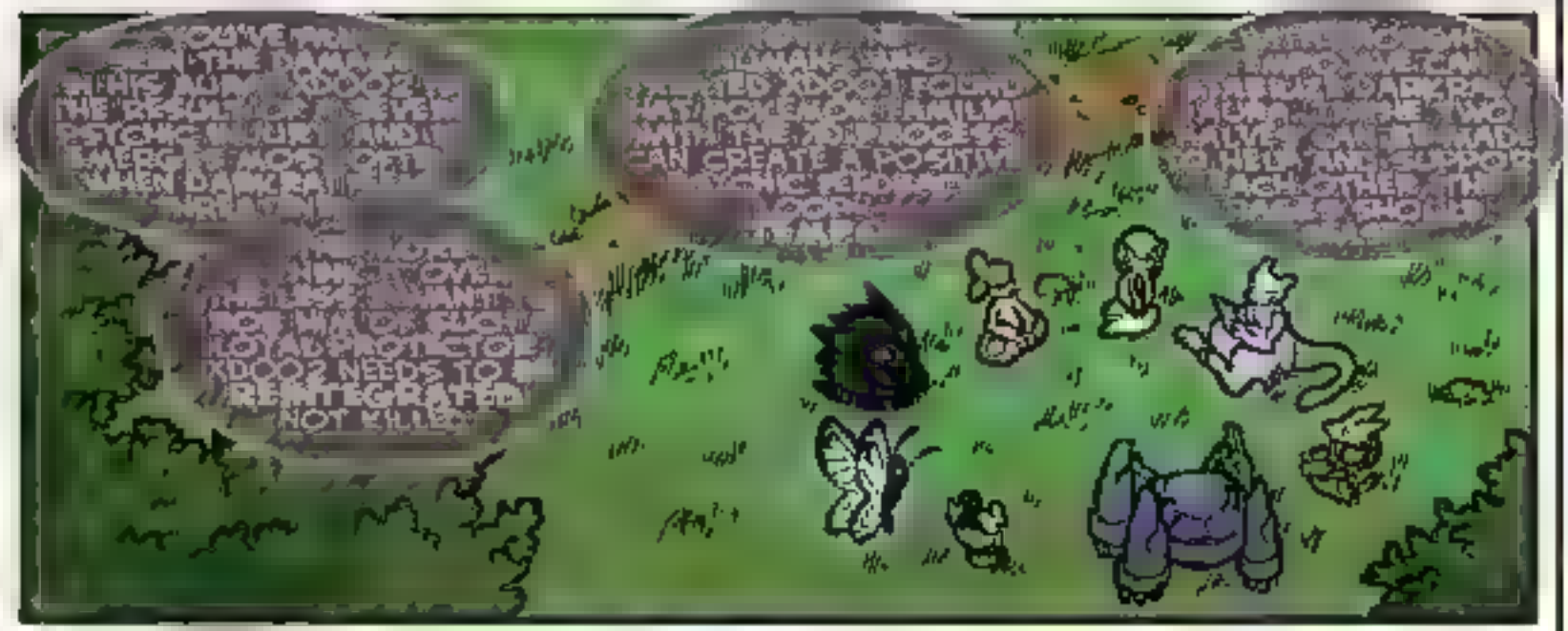

YOU'VE BEEN VERY QUIET, MISS JEN. DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE?

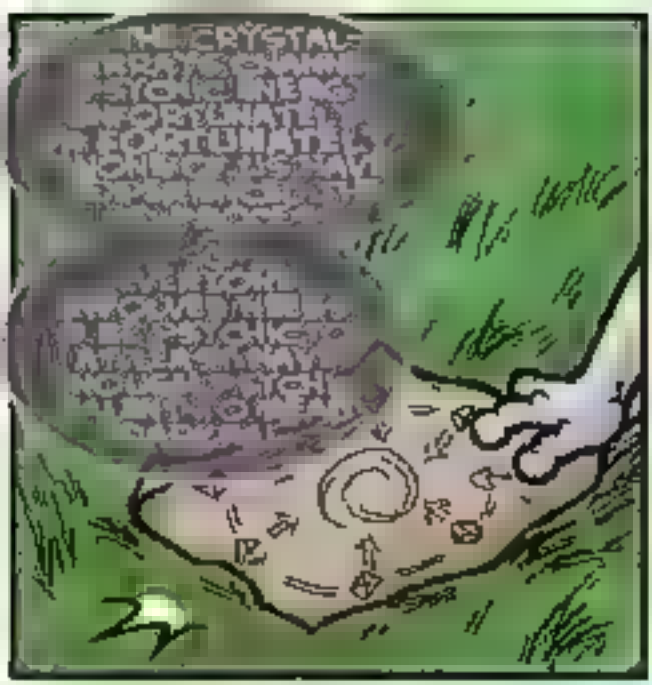
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO BE HUMAN AGAIN.


I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD BE HAPPY AS A POKEMON, NOT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE NOW, BUT THERE IS A SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND THE REST OF US WHICH WILL WIDEN OVER TIME...


BUT GENGAR'S HAPPY
NO. HE HAS ONLY FOUND A DEGREE OF PEACE IN WHAT HE IS NOW--AND IT WAS VERY HARD WON.


AND MISS JEN...
YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF TIME THAT HE HAS HAD...


KDOOZ NEEDS TO BE INTEGRATED NOT KILLED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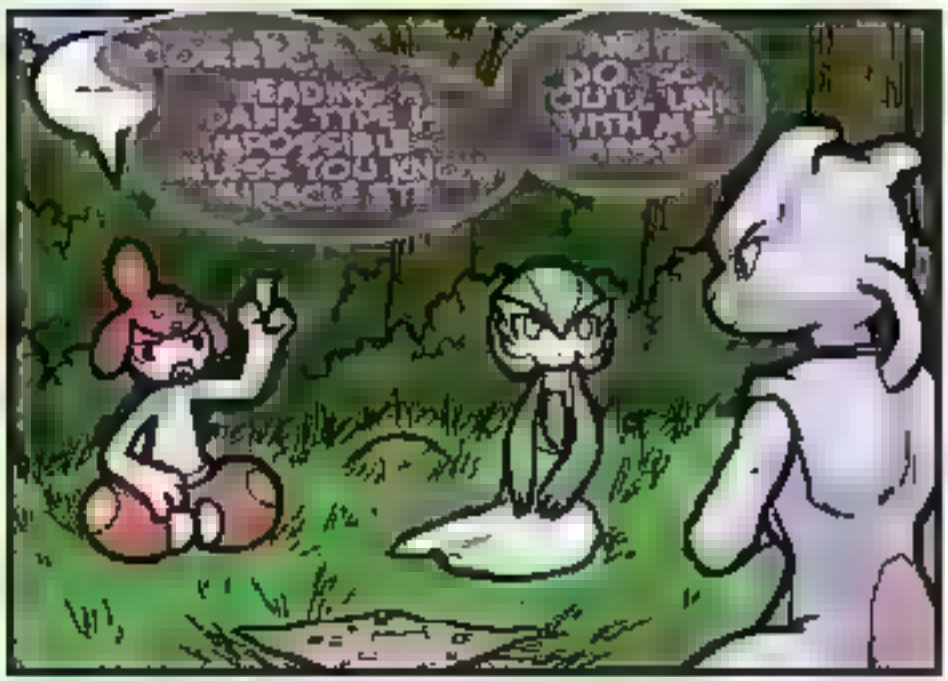
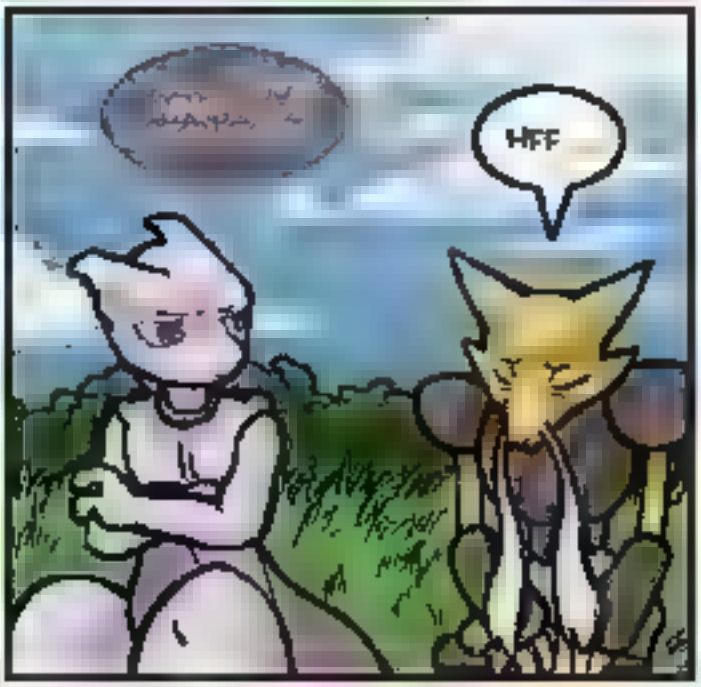

DO YOU LINK WITH A

BUT THIS ISN'T A REGULAR DARK TYPE-- IT'S DARKRAI! AND WE ALREADY KNOW YOU'RE PRONE TO BURNOUT!
YOU'RE GOING TO TRY MIRACLE EYE ON HIM? YOU COULD LOSE YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITIES FOREVER!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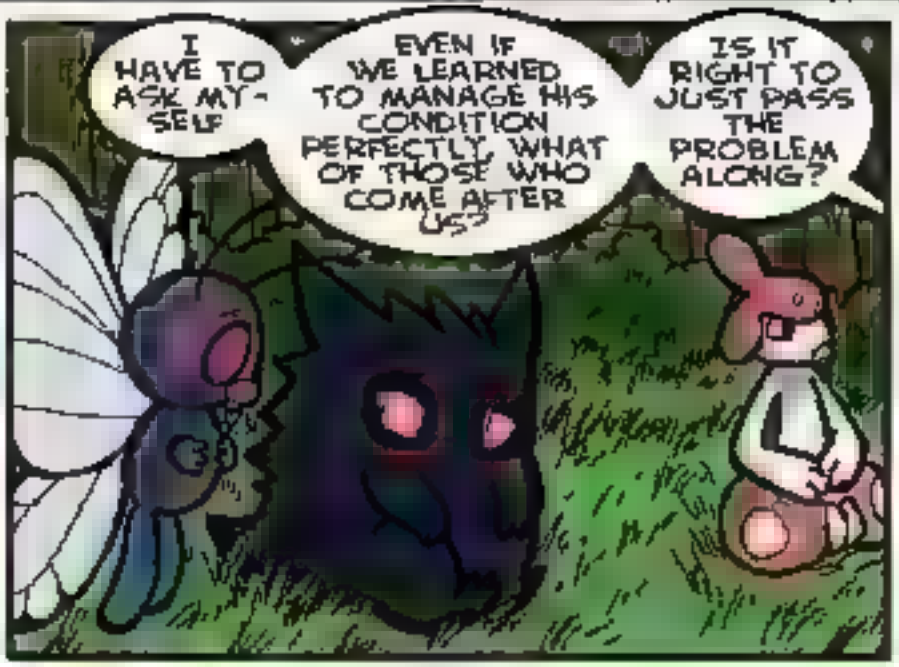
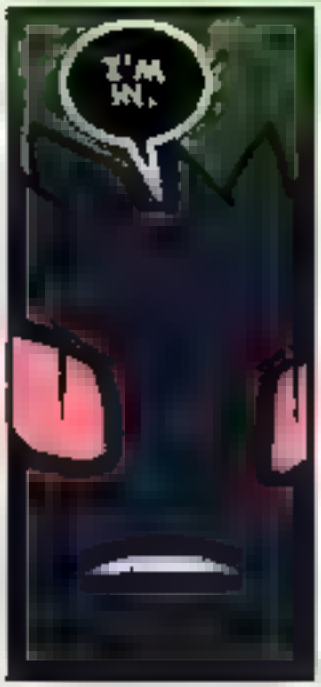
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL.
BUT OUR ONLY OTHER OPTION IS TO SUBDUE DARKRAI EVERY TIME HE LOSES CONTROL.
AND DARKRAI'S FAMILY ARE EXCEEDINGLY LONG-LIVED

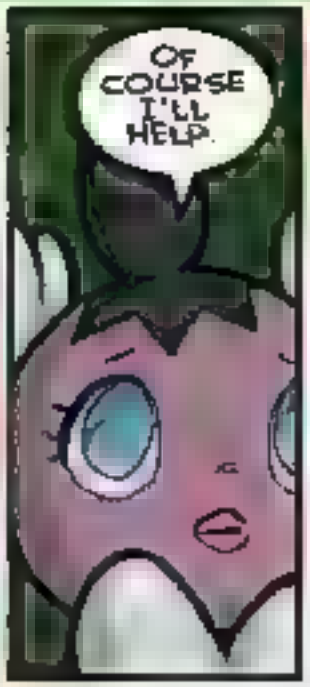

I HAVE TO ASK MYSELF
EVEN IF WE LEARNED TO MANAGE HIS CONDITION PERFECTLY, WHAT OF THOSE WHO COME AFTER US?
IS IT RIGHT TO JUST PASS THE PROBLEM ALONG?

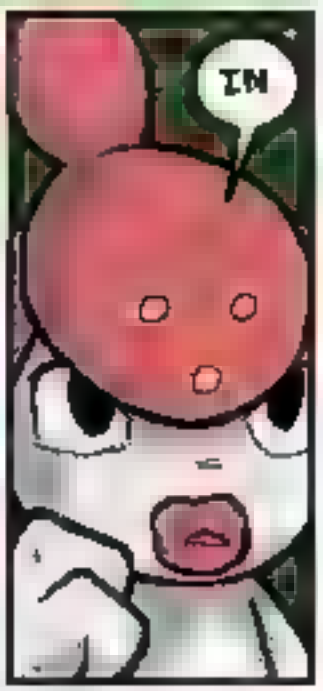
WON'T ASK ANYONE TO DO


I'M IN.

I'LL DO IT

ME TOO


OF COURSE I'LL HELP.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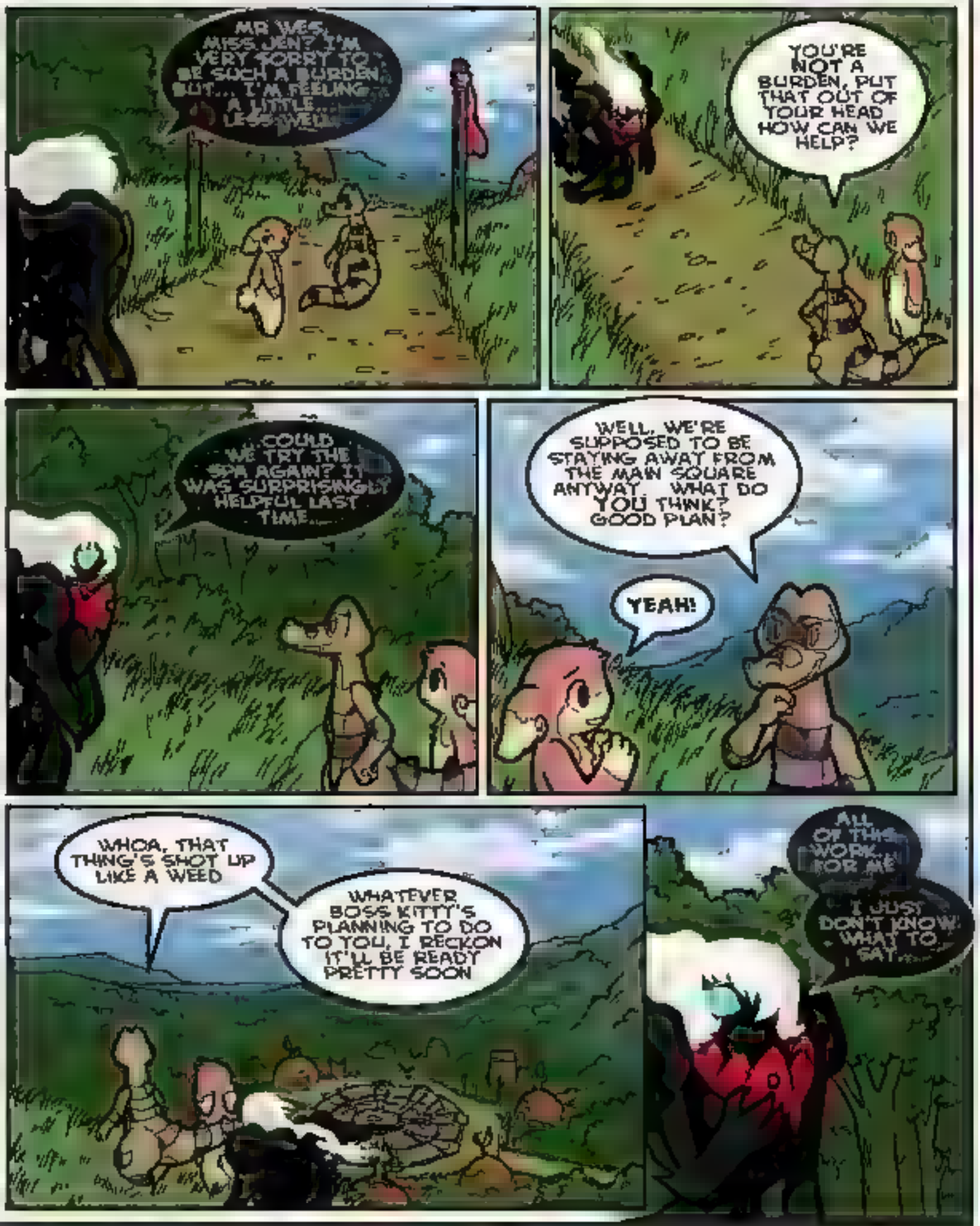
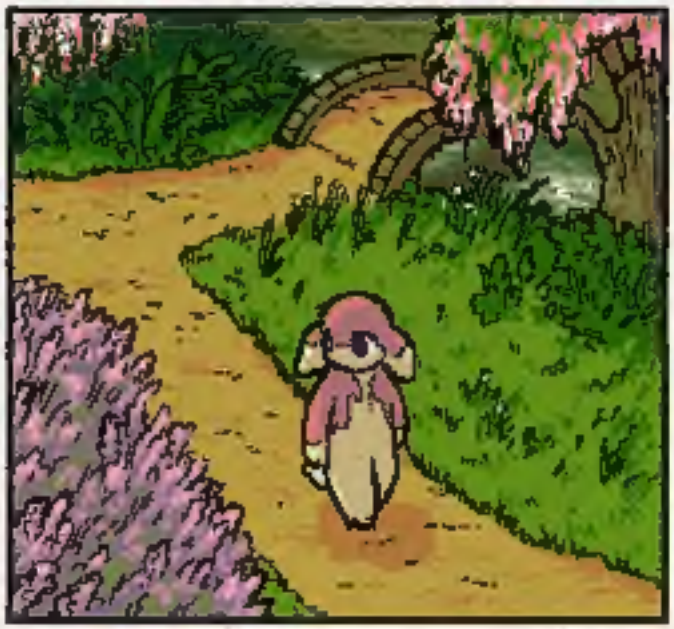
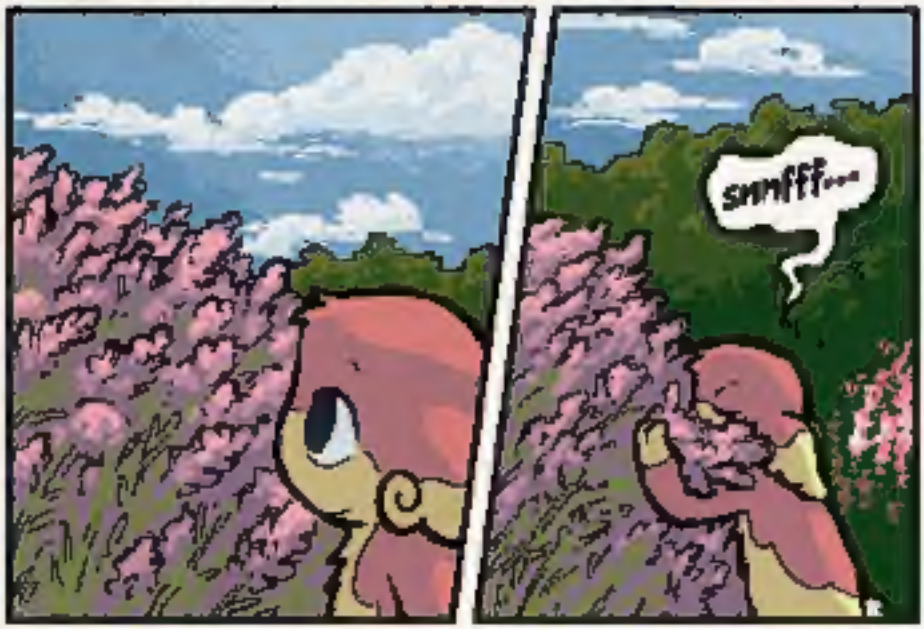

MR WES, MISS JEN? I'M VERY SORRY TO BE SUCH A BURDEN, BUT... I'M FEELING A LITTLE... LESS WELL
YOU'RE NOT A BURDEN, PUT THAT OUT OF YOUR HEAD HOW CAN WE HELP?
...COULD WE TRY THE SPA AGAIN? IT WAS SURPRISINGLY HELPFUL LAST TIME...
WELL, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE STAYING AWAY FROM THE MAIN SQUARE ANYWAY. WHAT DO YOU THINK? GOOD PLAN?
YEAH!
WHOA, THAT THING'S SHOT UP LIKE A WEED
WHATEVER BOSS KITTY'S PLANNING TO DO TO YOU, I RECKON IT'LL BE READY PRETTY SOON
ALL OF THIS WORK FOR ME
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

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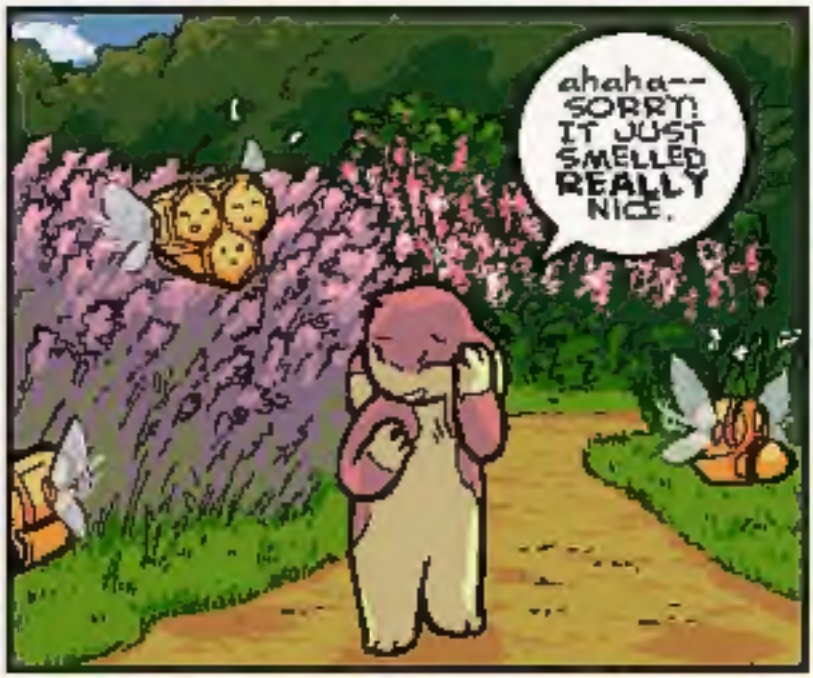
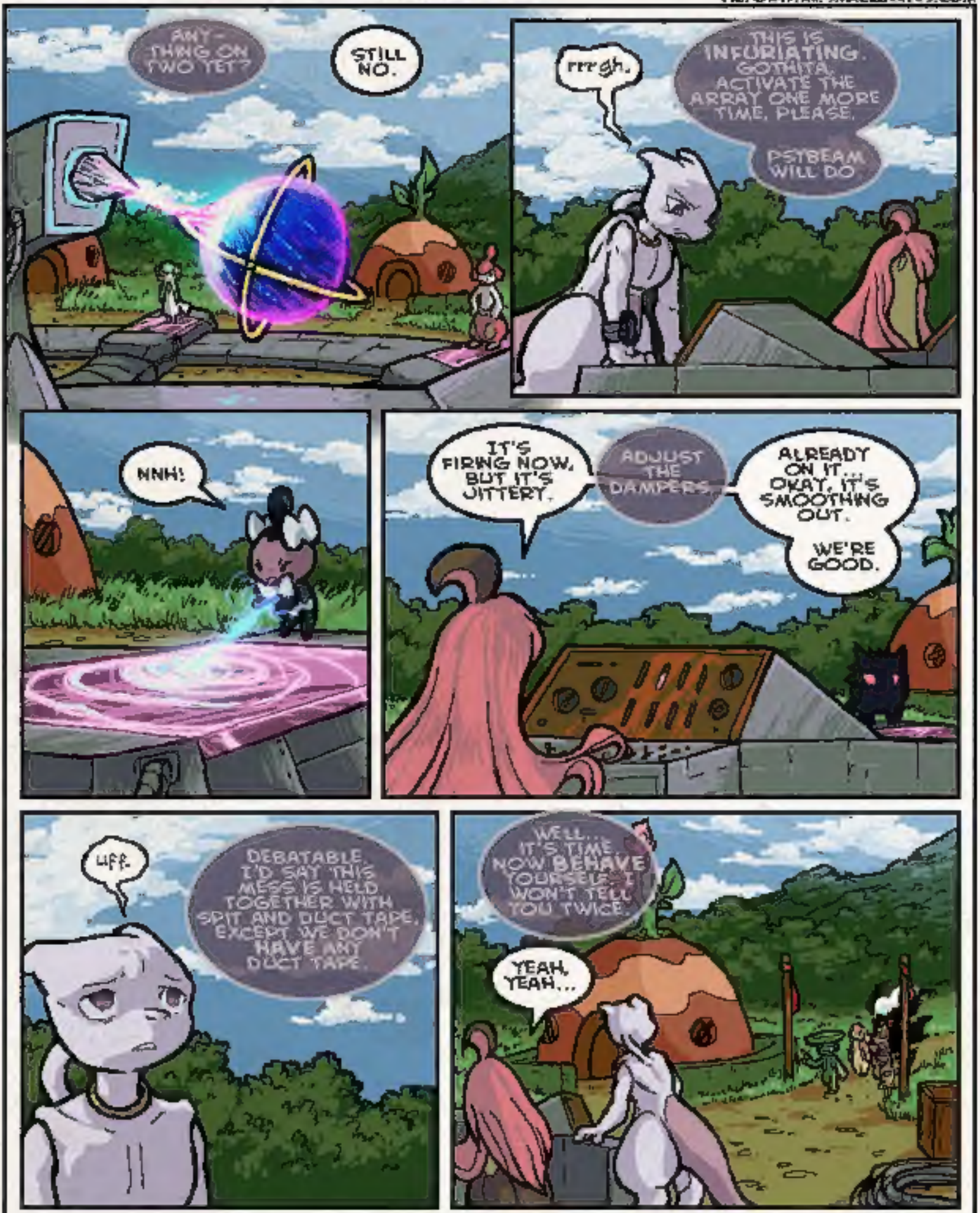

ahaha-- SORRY! IT JUST SMELLED REALLY NICE.

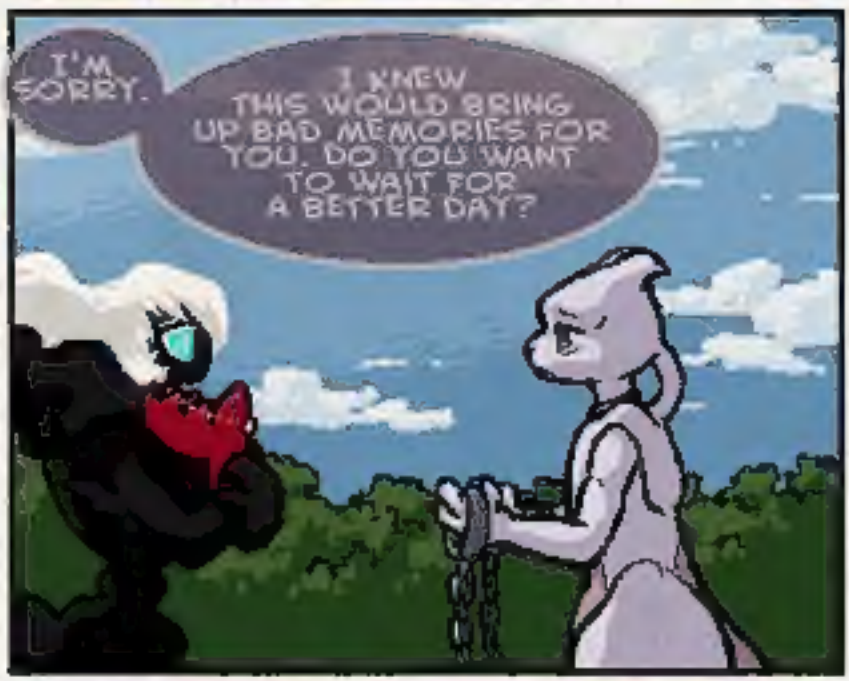
HEY! -- DARKRAI'S NOT WITH YOU?
...HE'S INSIDE WITH THE SPA LADIES... IS SOMETHING WRONG?
AH, NO, IT'S FINE ...

WELL... THEY'RE MOSTLY READY IN THE SQUARE.
THERE'S NO RUSH, BUT WHENEVER YOU GUYS WANT TO HEAD ON DOWN...?


ANY-THING ON TWO YET?
STILL NO.
rrrgh.
THIS IS INFURIATING. GOTHITA, ACTIVATE THE ARRAY ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE.
PSYBEAM WILL DO
NNH!
IT'S FIRING NOW, BUT IT'S JITTERY.
ADJUST THE DAMPERS.
ALREADY ON IT... OKAY, IT'S SMOOTHING OUT.
WE'RE GOOD.
UFF.
DEBATABLE. I'D SAY THIS MESS IS HELD TOGETHER WITH SPIT AND DUCT TAPE, EXCEPT WE DON'T HAVE ANY DUCT TAPE.
WELL... IT'S TIME. NOW BEHAVE YOURSELF. I WON'T TELL YOU TWICE.
YEAH, YEAH...

I'LL TAKE YOUR CHARM FOR SAFEKEEPING.
AND I'M AFRAID THAT WE DO NEED TO RESTRAIN YOU-- YOU'LL FIND IT TOO HARD TO STAY PUT OTHERWISE.

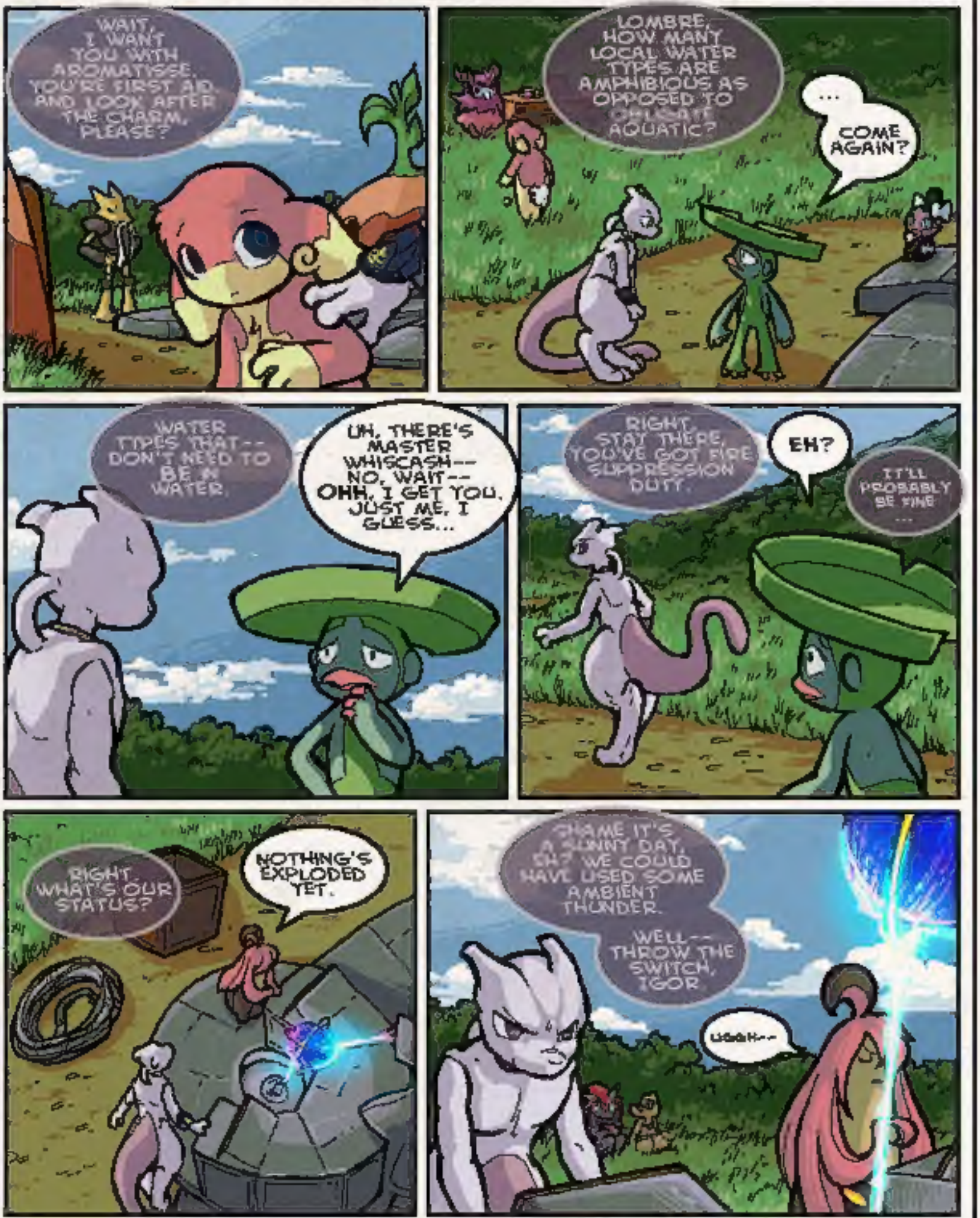
AHAHA... I THINK I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE...


I'M SORRY.
I KNEW THIS WOULD BRING UP BAD MEMORIES FOR YOU. DO YOU WANT TO WAIT FOR A BETTER DAY?

I DON'T THINK THERE'LL BE A BETTER DAY THAN THIS ONE. DO IT.
ARE YOU SURE?
I TRUST YOU.

THIS WILL WORK.

EVERYONE TO YOUR ARRAYS, PLEASE.
EVERYONE ELSE, OUT! IF YOU'RE NOT ON AN ARRAY THE RING IS NOW OFF LIMITS!


WAIT, I WANT YOU WITH AROMATISSE. YOU'RE FIRST AID, AND LOOK AFTER THE CHARM, PLEASE?
LOMBRE, HOW MANY LOCAL WATER TYPES ARE AMPHIBIOUS AS OPPOSED TO OHLSAFF AQUATIC?
...
COME AGAIN?
WATER TYPES THAT-- DON'T NEED TO BE IN WATER.
UH, THERE'S MASTER WHISCASH-- NO, WAIT-- OHH, I GET YOU. JUST ME, I GUESS...
RIGHT, STAY THERE, YOU'VE GOT FIRE SUPPRESSION DUTY.
EH?
IT'LL PROBABLY BE FINE ...
RIGHT, WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
NOTHING'S EXPLODED YET.
SHAME IT'S A SUNNY DAY, EH? WE COULD HAVE USED SOME AMBIENT THUNDER.
WELL-- THROW THE SWITCH, IGOR.
UGGH--